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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

PRESENTED MAY 5, 1901.

To the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

GENTLEMEN,— Your Executive Committee presents herewith the Sixty-seventh Annual Report.

ZEAL.

No satisfactory work is done in this world when there is an absence of interest. This law of real success applies to our organization. Development of resources, increased skill in methods, more complex machinery, however excellent and praiseworthy, will not avail if there is lacking a powerful central enthusiasm. This zeal can only come by sympathetic relations with the objects of our care. This leads us to a main question, on the answer to which depends very much.

TUCKERMAN.

It is a question that was raised by Dr. Joseph Tuckerman when he began the work of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. It was answered by him in an earnest broad manner. If he had settled it differently, he would have never laid the foundations of our career as a ministry-at-large, because he would not have had the heart to enter on the difficult pathway. We refer to the attitude anyone takes toward city life. Dr. Tuckerman treated this subject in a book which has been out of print for many years. The view of our great philanthropist is expressed in these words:

"Vicious as cities may be, and are, I yet believe that they are intended to be instruments of the highest moral ends of God with respect to man in this world."

In other words, Dr. Tuckerman did not regard the dense life of a city as an evil which was to be mitigated as far as possible by treatment. Rather did he see in such communities wonderful opportunities for the development of character, and even the moral dangers, so numerous under those circumstances, appeared to him as challenges for the best efforts of mankind to mutual helpfulness.

MINISTER-AT-LARGE.

This is really the keynote of our work. Not *for*, but *with*; not from above in half-hearted condescension, but by the side of these elements arraying our forces. The application of this thought to our present conditions is a vital one. The ministry-at-large is no place for any one who finds himself constantly held back by doubt and disgust. He must handle the individual case and the civic problem with the same brave spirit.

Cities appear to the minister-at-large as individuals, no matter how extended the work grows or how complicated the methods. It is the individual on whom rests the eye of the true reformer. We believe that for the most part this personal sense is preserved in our plans. And he only exerts his best and fullest power for uplifting humanity who believes that God made the city as well as the country.

RELIGION.

There is a second important qualification. It was exemplified in Dr. Tuckerman, and he held this as earnestly as the first;—faith in the Christian religion as a sufficient agency in humanitarian work. The founder of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches did not lose himself in secondary details. He caught his inspiration from great truths which were always vividly before him. It is wise for us to make sure of our

position in this respect. Even a half-conscious doubt as to the capacity of Christianity for our objects retards our progress and diminishes our influence. Christianity is on its trial as never before. Can it be made a world power? The tests are those which belong to conditions where religion must not only be translated in terms of conduct but religion must serve as motive to noblest action.

SECONDARY SUBSTITUTES.

Substitutes are appearing on every hand. When they are made to take the place of religion there is sure to be only temporary success. We believe in the availability of religion for all that is to be done. We gladly make use of all rightful aids, but the closer we keep to the great truths of practical Christianity, the stronger is our position. This was Dr. Tuckerman's constant teaching. The benefit of his example for us today lies chiefly in the recall which it makes upon us to the higher outlook and the deeper motive. We must plough at good depth and sow culled seeds.

If religion could make saintly monks, it is now proving that it can make worthy citizens. The cloister is deserted for commerce, and the hermitage for the legislature; but we are confident that in and through all these changed conditions religion will have its perfect work. The recurrent preaching of Tuckerman was on the theme of the sonship of man to a Heavenly Father with all that doctrine involved. Phillips Brooks in his day delivered the same message with the same fervor. Both preachers aimed at an upbuilding result and had an apostolic faith in the possibilities of a reconstructed world, in which the Christian ideal should be embodied. The universal incarnation of love and justice.

TODAY.

We think we are safe in saying that these two points of view are as necessary for the minister-at-large today as they were for Tuckerman in the beginning. A belief that cities

and civilization are not essentially hostile to the best welfare of mankind.

And second, that a rational consecrated form of Christianity must ever be the greatest power in the world for the improvement of our race. Equipped with this spirit and governed by it, our work in this expanding city goes forward on regular lines. And what are these great highways over which we move in and among the masses of humanity? They are three; and our success and usefulness depend upon the large and liberal use of these channels.

OPEN CHURCH.

1. There is the open church. Our places of worship are free, and a welcome greets even the chance visitor. Whatsoever things are hospitable, whatsoever message is of brotherly tone and advice, whatsoever worship is simple, yet reverential, whatsoever service is wide and generous in its ritual,—these are cultivated in our church system. These are truly places for the people. Each one is asked to regard the privileges as belonging by right to the worshipper, without regard to the amount of support which may be rendered. He who can give is not hindered; and those who are not able are not made ashamed.

It would not be difficult to crowd our churches by sensational preaching; such an object we have never entertained. Rather are we desirous of adding steadily, even if slowly, those individuals who find an awakening heart and a more devout mind. We do not lay emphasis on the word "free" as though a free church were everything. We say here is the open church, the home church, the church of all souls.

In addition to the welcoming atmosphere is the actual open church for every day. Our witness is to be found between the Sundays. Everything that will tend to bind people together in the common cause is fostered. Classes, meetings, clubs are established and sustained to create and to hold an abiding membership.

OPEN FRIENDSHIP.

2. Our second great reliance is on open friendship. This phrase may seem enigmatical, but it stands for the personal work which a minister-at-large can so well do, and which is imperatively demanded. The messages of the pulpit are rendered into friendship, counsel, guidance. The best interpreter of Jesus is a good disciple. When the preacher becomes pastor he is a real shepherd to a flock.

There is nothing quite so saving in this world as true friendship. We mean by open friendship the hearty invitation which kindly souls always extend to human beings, as completely expressed in the simplest look and tone as by direct speech. The worker in the Fraternity crosses thresholds as a friend ; he helps to solve domestic problems better than any one else because of his impartial, unselfish attitude. Confidence easily springs up at his approach, and the suspicious know that he has no mercenary object.

This friendship of the Fraternity worker is open all the year, night and day, and beckons to the wayfaring man. There is no burden our workers will not share, and no secret they will not sacredly retain. It is a friendship that discriminates and tenderly denies. It combines loyalty and love on the one hand, and steady warnings and serious counsels on the other hand.

OPEN THOUGHT.

3. No one knows better than the minister-at-large that man lives not by bread alone. Quickening, emancipating thought is as necessary in our department of activity as in any other of life's large channels.

We mean by open thought, the frank use among the people of progressive ideas. The constant presentation of these establishes the only secure basis of union between the workers and the masses. If the toiling classes believe that we are giving them our best thought, that they are sharing with us the highest standards, then their respect is guaranteed and

our leadership made stronger. The brain must reach out through the hand. Our training schools must clearly show their advanced methods. The workingman needs training and development, and all this he well knows. He will not pay heed to any organization that does not pledge itself to the broadest and greatest skill.

This statement applies even more forcibly to the general nurture and care of the young people committed to our charge. In this country an intelligent parent understands very well what his children ought to receive in their education for life's duties. The strongest reason why parochial schools cannot succeed in the United States is the almost universal protest of thoughtful Catholic parents against the injustice which is put upon their children by the inadequate teaching of these sectarian schools. They feel that their boys and girls will not be able to hold their own in business and social competition with the graduates of our public schools.

This throws light on the whole subject we are now considering. We offer the best, freest thought we have in religion, the most progressive ideas we can obtain from sociology, and the most improved methods in our various educational departments. Open thought strikes the keynote of sincerity and reality. We seek its embodiment in the institution and in the worker. The people at large respond to this if to anything. It is a personal and mental attitude which honors both those receiving and those giving. It is a daily exemplification of a healthy faith in human nature, and a living testimony to the human brotherhood in its highest phases. Reason, truth and culture we share equally with all who come under our influence.

With this general consideration, indicating the spirit and standards of our organized work, let us briefly review the result of the past year. The reports of the several ministers have been rendered to us as usual, and to them we refer those who may wish the information which comes from the personal

worker in the field. But it is in place for us to offer a summary and present a general estimate.

CHANNING CHURCH.

Probably the most conspicuous feature in our annual report is the successful transfer of work from Washington Village to Dorchester. Yet it is scarcely accurate to say that this is a transfer. It is true the property at South Boston was sold, forming a financial nucleus for the new enterprise. It is also true that some of the worshippers at the old place are identified with the new church, but the main sources of prosperity at East Cottage Street lie in the new additions and the fresh opportunities.

The building itself, Channing Church, is a credit to both the Fraternity and the architect, the former dealing generously in expenditures and the latter bringing to his task a tasteful well-arranged plan. The cost of the structure, with all the furnishings, is several thousands more than the amount of money realized by the sale of the old property. But your Executive Committee carefully considered this possible increase and deemed it wise. The object being to offer the community in which the church stands a house of worship of such dignity and beauty as to invite the loyal support of the neighboring families.

While the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has always announced its part in the enterprise, we have not made the fact so prominent as to give a mission or charity character to the movement. We hope that eventually the congregation will be somewhat self-supporting and certainly cordially co-operating. The minister, Rev. Mr. Saunderson, has made this a leading object in his methods.

Although the progress of the building was long delayed, Easter Sunday saw its completion. The preliminary meetings in the hall near by were of assistance in awakening interest and acquainting the people with our purpose. Therefore at the opening of the church we find the Sunday-School Room

filled with a hundred pupils, and the regular service in the church is participated in by a congregation occupying two-thirds of the auditorium, and constantly enlarging.

The people who have thus far indicated their desire to belong to the society are greatly composed of young families, with a great deal of vigor and zeal, and with evident appreciation of these religious and social privileges. It is hoped that in the autumn some systematic administration of affairs will be perfected, by which a proper degree of responsibility will be thrown on the people, thereby creating a treasury, committees and other appropriate organized features which belong to a religious society. That is to say, we aim to create local self-government, local responsibility and local support, while at the same time our actual control is not relaxed. In brief, Channing Church may be pointed to as a cheering sign of progress. Your Executive Committee trusts that the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches will receive due recognition as the source of this advance in organized Unitarianism in Boston.

Rev. Mr. Saunderson has shown zeal and intelligence combined. His handling of the situation has been marked by a display of interest, tact and leadership. The dedication services were held Wednesday, April 10, participated in by leading ministers and witnessed by a gathering that filled the church. At the same time, Mr. Saunderson was installed as minister. He will proceed at once to form an Alliance Branch among the ladies, inaugurate a Boys' Club, for which there is an admirable basement room provided, and in other ways organize his people. All reasonable signs confirm the action of your Executive Committee in closing our work at Washington Village and opening it anew in this growing community at Dorchester.

MORGAN CHAPEL.

At last we have emerged from difficulties of law and finances. It is true that new problems await us with Morgan Chapel,

but the chief question has been settled and we are happy to report decided progress.

The court has granted our application for an increase of \$10,000, making the sum desired \$40,000 instead of \$30,000. The Young Men's Christian Association offered no opposition. With this permission for a mortgage on the property, a loan has been promised at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. An architect has been secured in Mr. C. Howard Walker, and he is confident of receiving bids within the specified sum so that we may have a satisfactory building.

On the other hand, the wishes of Rev. Mr. Helms have been greatly considered with reference to his departments and plans. It is hoped that the building can be torn down the early part of June and construction begun at once. Meanwhile the work of Morgan Chapel will be continued elsewhere. All this rebuilding is made necessary by the expansion of the work and the growth of the departments.

This is another step forward in the affairs of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, and also indirectly a testimony to the vigorous condition of Unitarianism. We may say in addition it is a witness to the breadth, the catholicity of Unitarian methods. It is well that we have in the city of Boston an object lesson of this kind. In setting forth our Unitarian faith, preachers constantly remind the public that good will and unity are vitally needed at the present time. We plead for a union of sects on the basis of good works. What shall all our sermons and statements avail if we cannot point to some actual instances, especially where we have had opportunity to lead? Here was a test case.

The property of Henry Morgan was offered to the Unitarians under peculiar conditions. We did not shrink from undertaking the expense and the care in hopes of doing good, and of illustrating unsectarian Christianity. Through discouraging vicissitudes we have steadily held our way. While often demurring to some methods and teachings on the part

of our Methodist friends, we have had faith in the essential merit of our partnership work. Here as everywhere much depends upon the man. Our confidence has been increased since Rev. Mr. Helms has been at the head. His tastes, training and earnestness are all in his favor, and our action in rebuilding has sprung greatly from our faith in him.

Probably no where else in the land is there a church just like this; a Methodist minister with a Unitarian board of officers. But Methodist money and Unitarian money mingle in the treasury and seem to combine very well. Methodist zeal and Unitarian sagacity find harmonious results. The Methodist emotion is manifest through the Unitarian common sense, and together we are touching depraved and disabled humanity with a healing, helping hand.

When the new structure is completed the neighborhood will take on a better tone and character. May we not congratulate ourselves that the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has such a power of adaptability? It plants a church in Dorchester and there adapts itself with living helpfulness to the adjacent homes. Then it turns to a locality so utterly different at Shawmut Avenue, and joins with the Methodists in improving and uplifting the people, becoming a part of the everyday life of the vicinity.

It is worthy of note that in both instances the power of religion is the chief reliance; religious services, religious instruction and religious influences predominate. They are the source and determining force in the manifold activities at Morgan Chapel as in the simpler parish life of the Channing Church.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

We are privileged to mark again a third forward movement. Different in form but the same in substance is the hopeful record at Parker Memorial, as at Channing Church and Morgan Chapel. The uncertainties which have hung over affairs

at this point have diminished, at least as far as the selection of a leader is involved.

It is necessary we should put on record what has recently transpired for future reference. In June of last year, the Executive Committee recommended the removal of Parker Memorial from its present site and a combination with the South End Industrial School. The project included the erection of a new building. These recommendations of the Executive Committee were afterwards approved by the corporation in the succeeding month of October. Negotiations were on foot to consummate this plan, but then began to arise some questions as to the wisdom of the movement. Arguments were brought forward in favor of retaining Parker Memorial where it is, of developing the work with increasing vigor as a modern ministry-at-large. This sentiment grew sufficiently to call for a reconsideration of the previous votes of removal. The results you well know, and they are before us in the latest votes, directing the Executive Committee to take certain steps for the reconstruction of the work at Parker Memorial, changing the headquarters of the Fraternity and modifying some administrative features.

The combined offices of Executive Agent and Head of Parker Memorial were offered to the present Secretary. After careful deliberation he found it inadvisable to accept the generous proposition which had been made, feeling that his chief duty was to the Sunday-School Society, whose service he must leave in undertaking the new obligations. The Parker Memorial sub-committee then turned elsewhere, and has selected Rev. C. W. Wendte. The terms of the invitation to Mr. Wendte will be stated to you in the special report to be offered. This choice is the result of careful consideration.

Mr. Wendte's characteristics are well known to most members of our Unitarian faith. He is a man of large resources and wide experience, and with an energetic disposition. He has always had in mind some field of labor similar to this

which is now offered to him, and in accepting the charge he will bring to his duties a buoyant feeling of personal satisfaction reinforced by a deep faith in the possibilities before him. Your Executive Committee has pledged to Mr. Wendte, as it did to Mr. Horton, ample funds, hearty co-operation and length of time for testing results.

Therefore we are justified in calling this a third feature for congratulation in the annual record. Uniting on a leader who has the confidence of the Fraternity is more than half the battle. It is planned to make some changes in Parker Memorial such as will brighten its appearance and improve its facilities. Mr. Wendte will probably look over the field in the middle of the summer and prepare himself for the engrossing work of the autumn.

While in one sense affairs at Parker Memorial have been somewhat held back during the period of indecision, yet much more has been carried on than the casual observer knows. On examining the report offered by Miss Whipple, it will be found that important classes have been maintained, a goodly degree of sociability attained; and some results are of a more satisfactory character than heretofore.

We might cite in proof of this last statement some events, as the Thanksgiving dinner, the meetings of the Mothers' Club and the final exhibition of classes and workmanship. These were all of a higher grade than in any previous year. We specially commend the exhibition night when Fraternity Hall was filled with an interesting throng. Tables were placed around two sides of the hall, and on them were specimens of the work done in the various classes. A critical inspection gave the visitor unquestioned evidence that the paid and volunteer teachers had taught their classes well during the winter.

We gladly acknowledge our indebtedness to the young ladies of the Second Church, organized as the "Sphinx Club," who have given time and skill for the welfare of Parker Me-

morial through many winters. This season their classes were more numerous than ever. Such volunteer work is doubly beneficent; it benefits those who are taught and those who teach.

The more we can make Parker Memorial, the North End Union and Bulfinch-Place Church, centres where the large-hearted young people of leisure will enlist in good works, the wider and deeper grows our volume of practical Christianity. No doubt under Mr. Wendte this recruiting from the ranks of leisure those who will serve the ranks of the toiling, will be still further carried out. Fourteen different clubs and societies have been permitted to make use of the Parker Memorial privileges. These associations work along lines similar to ours, or are exemplifications of our principles. The more we can cluster such activities under Parker Memorial roof, the stronger will be our co-ordinating power at the South End.

We recall to your remembrance the fact that fifteen hundred dollars, which would ordinarily have been used in maintaining Parker Memorial, was voted to the Boys' Institute of Industry on Ruggles Street. For the past year, at least, we considered this a branch of Parker Memorial, and we desire to call attention to the large classes and vigorous administration of Mr. Stewart. Taking this department into consideration, Parker Memorial has really been very active at the South End among the young people. Miss Whipple has been faithfully at her post, and well earned the special vacation which we have granted her.

NORTH END UNION.

Two objects have been held quite clearly in view at the North End Union since it was placed in Mr. Hubbard's charge. These are expert training, somewhat similar to that in Trades-Schools, and secondly, the organizing of the young people into various clubs. To refer to the latter phase.

The Union has nine clubs in all; one for young men, three

for girls and five for boys. These give scope for a great deal of valuable education. The members become acquainted with literature, prepare papers, have debates, hold town-meetings, celebrate heroes' night, pursue historical studies and indulge in appropriate recreative occasions. Mr. Hubbard very well says,—that all this brings out latent ability and establishes self-respect. With reference to the first phase of expert training, at no other of our institutions has this been carried so far. The day dressmaking school has a nine months' course, the plumbing school and the department of printing all testify to efforts and usefulness in this direction.

The making of citizenship becomes the ideal at this place. Into the realization of that purpose many contributing elements must enter. The hand cannot be trained alone, to artisan skill; neither can the brain be taught as of itself, nor yet can amusements exist simply for themselves. The North End Union is a created environment, which reacts upon its members from various quarters. It ministers to the making of character by the use of many methods.

As for the direct religious work at the North End, your Executive Committee has often reported its impossibility. And yet this is not an accurate statement. Religion is some times taught better by indirect means, and this is often observed at the North End Union. It is true that Miss Frothingham continues the Sunday School with large numbers, and with unquestioned good results. The personal contact of teacher with pupil, the enriching of memory, and a certain amount of didactic instruction may be counted as direct moral and spiritual nurture. But we are of the mind, as heretofore, that the foundations laid by the workers at the North End Union are virtually of religious tendencies and are essential to religious conditions. Dignity, sobriety, obedience, reverence, loyalty, good will, honor,—surely, these are integral parts of Christianity. If so, then the North End Union is the representative of Christian religion. The Jews, Italians,

Greeks, and Irish may not receive distinct doctrines, phrases and forms, but they are none the less under the influence of the spirit of Christianity, and whatever good is assimilated must eventually take the form of what is designated as Christian character. It is the work of the spirit and not the work of the letter that we are prosecuting in this part of the city.

Mr. Hubbard and his corps of associate workers have diligently pursued their usual courses the past year. No new thing can be brought forward as marking the record, but the universal excellence of the results, and the undiminished activity are fully set forth in Mr. Hubbard's ample report. Miss Barker has made her place strong by devoted performance of duty.

The local board of directors, specially the ladies, have attended with great faithfulness to the interests in their charge. Besides committee and directors' work, the local board give substantial aid in the shape of money outside the Fraternity's treasury. The sum thus furnished last year in addition to our own appropriation was over twelve hundred dollars.

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

By all evidences we are warranted in saying that the spirit, the life at Bulfinch-Place Church the past year has been quite enthusiastic. The general habits of this place are well known to our delegates either through personal visits or by frequent reports.

We do not expect surprises or great changes in this the oldest of our chapels. It has grown slowly into its present condition and will not quickly alter. Of course there are losses in all societies like this, which resembles the average parish church. Removals and death take away valuable members. On the other hand, it is the aim of Mr. Eliot and his associates to draw from the Sunday School additions which will in a measure replace the losses. In an exact sense, the Sunday School at this place is the nursery of the church. By wise methods the young people are induced to

remain because of a home feeling which has been created. Because of this the Guild meetings have flourished, the Red, White and Blue Club has had a successful year, and the attendance at the afternoon service has not fallen away.

Here at Bulfinch-Place Church is illustrated more than at any other of our posts the open friendship to which we referred in the beginning. The Parker Memorial better shows forth the open thought, and the Channing Church the open church ; but here in ascendancy is exemplified the virtue and power of the open friendship. Mr. Eliot always dwells in his reports upon the theme of personal visitation, friendly counsel, pastoral sympathy and individual interview. It is natural that this should be the recurrent theme because his predecessor, Mr. Winkley, created the system which has found permanent embodiment in Bulfinch-Place Church. Mr. Eliot has not deviated from the pathway of old. But by this we do not concede that there is no progress.

One might say in all these things there is nothing new, but Mr. Eliot well observes : " It would be truer to say that it is all new. For while the organization and habits are much the same from year to year, the work itself is new everyday." This is true because it is personal work. Mr. Eliot, Miss Jones, Miss Stokes and Mr. Shurtleff extend the spirit of the message of Bulfinch-Place Church through wide reaches of the community. They are not simply calling, " Come, come and join with us," but even more assiduously they go forth and fulfil through personal missions the objects of the place.

The affection created by such labors is often touching. It cheers the dark hours of the sorrowing homes and strengthens the mothers' hearts. It deters the young from evil, as recollections of their Bulfinch Place friends flash upon them. Above all, these tender ties between our representatives and the toilers are a guarantee in many instances that faith both in God and man will not be utterly thrown away.

IN GENERAL.

The income and expenditures the past year have been about equal. This means that our work has been carried on, our property kept in good repair and our investments profitably handled. We have received the following bequests since our last annual meeting: From the estate of Rebecca P. Wainwright, \$1000; from the estate of Benjamin Sweetser, \$2000, and rebate of tax on the legacy of Robert C. Billings, \$1500. The Treasurer's accounts show an increase in our total funds of \$8676.32 over the sum total of our funds one year ago.

There are increasing demands owing to the extension of the work. It has been a busy year for your Executive Committee. Meetings have been frequent, the sub-committees, on some of the chapels, have had exceptional cares, and even the corporation has been called together for special sessions.

Again we joined with the Church of Disciples, Roxbury First Parish and the South Congregational in holding union free services at Roxbury during the last summer. The attendance was about the same as in previous seasons, though success is not to be determined in this way. It is highly desirable that such an open church should be available for this Unitarian worship at Roxbury in the summer. We are only fulfilling our part by defraying some of the expense and providing a certain number of supplies.

The Boston Common course of addresses was as popular as ever. The new location on Beacon Street Mall proved a gain in certain important respects. The locality is quieter than the old one, and there is more dignity in the surroundings. There was no difficulty in obtaining speakers, for our Unitarian ministers seem somewhat fond of this out-door preaching. It was the sixth continuous season of our open-air meetings on the Common. The same location has been secured for the coming summer, and meetings will be held as heretofore.

We are often asked as to the actual results. This question is not easily answered. Cases have been found among the working people where an impression had been made, and the children of the family were thereafter sent to Unitarian Sunday Schools. All the literature that we distribute is carried away, and scarcely a leaf can be found on the ground when the assembly has dispersed, which shows at least a respect for what is offered. Open-air meetings have a reaction upon our own ministers. It is well to have a popular touch with the people "lest we forget." To keep near to the people is certainly the business of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.

IN CONCLUSION.

It is now full 20 years and more since the writer of this report began his official life with the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. No one is now on the Executive Committee who served in 1881. He has served as President, without compensation, nearly ten years; his duties as President and Executive Agent with salary have covered about nine years. I look back and see a marked history of growth.

We have had vicissitudes similar to those which fall to every organization. Like a winding stream, sometimes there are apparent deviations, sometimes eddies, sometimes disturbed currents, but the volume and power have steadily increased. Certain questions have created differences of judgment, some problems have lingered in solution, but the total summary today is strikingly on the side of expansion and progress.

I need not mention the proofs save to point to the great increase of our permanent funds, to the enlarged and enriched chapels and their work, and to the wiser organized system prevailing through our activities. Many have labored to bring about these results. Let me offer my word of hope and congratulation.

No one in all these years has ever heard but one utterance

from me — a word of faith in the possibilities, in the high worth of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. I bring now the same confidence, the same deep interest. I believe that this organization is unique, creditable, modern. It deserves the widest, most loyal support from our Unitarian churches.

My earnest wish as I withdraw from official service is, that this co-operation may be so amply rendered by all as to ensure a future, twenty years from now, abounding in all those prosperous conditions which will contribute to the highest welfare of this our honorable ministry-at-large.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. HORTON,
FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

To the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

Someone has said, "Happy is the country without a history," and I am tempted to apply the words to the life of a church and say "Happy is the church without a history." The temptation to take refuge in some such thought is certainly great when one is invited to report the "new features and progressive aspects" of a church year and, failing to find any, is obliged to fall back upon the record of straightforward, sturdy-going, or, if you please, commonplace service, along the lines of well-tried organization and experience. Then one feels moved to say, for one's own comfort at least, "happy is the church without a history" — for we know that success does not depend upon new methods nor can it be measured always by what the world calls progress, but is to be found by walking in the old paths, by strengthening the things that remain, by making the best use of each day's opportunity and adapting one's self daily to such service.

Such comfort do we take at Bulfinch-Place Church as we think of the past year's work.

We have the same church buildings, the same working force, the same Sunday and week-day services, the same organizations for social, philanthropic and religious work. Moreover, we have the same ideals, namely, the encouragement of mutual helpfulness, the building of Christian character, the gladdening of hearts, the open church, every day service, the ministry-at-large. We seek to realize such ideals by the following instrumentalities: the Church and Sunday School, the Young People's Guild and Evening Service, the Thursday Evening Conferences and Preparatory Lecture, the Teachers' Meetings, the Women's Alliance, the Eliot Circle, Lend-a-Hand Clubs, the Red, White and Blue Club, Entertainments and Social Gatherings, and finally by constantly visiting the people in their homes and ministering to their needs, material or spiritual.

In all this, there is nothing new. Nevertheless, it would be truer

to say that it is *all* new. For while the organizations are the same and the words to describe the work must be almost identical from year to year, the work itself is new every day. This is true because it is personal work, work for individuals; and not only is the membership constantly changing, but the circumstances, needs and problems of individuals do not long remain the same. The life of an individual or of a family is kaleidoscopic.

In other words, our work is so largely one of detail, of pastoral care, of serving individuals in a great variety of ways that it is impossible to fairly represent it in any report. The best cannot be told. Statistics are of little value and for the most part impossible. Perhaps a family will have received care and constant visiting for months and yet count for only one. There are many such. We must call and call again, and watch over them day by day. Sometimes the problem is finding them employment, or a better tenement, or hospital accommodation, or a convalescent home, or a country boarding place for the children.

It is much to say that the work has gone forward without friction or interruption. It is a joy and inspiration to have Mr. Winkley with us and to listen to his words of counsel and good cheer. We acknowledge the kindness of many friends who give their loyal support. We are especially indebted to Dr. Mary F. Hobart for her generous and efficient services in many cases of sickness, and in that connection we would acknowledge the uniform courtesy and friendly co-operation of the physicians and nurses both in and out of the hospitals to whom we are so often obliged to go. Rarely is there a week when we have not some one in their special care, and they never fail us. May I not mention with special gratitude the Massachusetts General Hospital, the New England Hospital for Women and Children, the Catholic Hospitals for Incurables, and the Convalescent Homes in Milton and Waverly and Watertown.

It is our privilege and pleasure to co-operate most cordially with the various charitable and philanthropic agencies of the city and State. We are frequently debtors to their experience and willing assistance. We realize, however, that in our work, even along such lines, it is not "charity" but "love" that blesses, and we conceive it to be the mission of the Church to illustrate that spirit of sympathy and loving service without which philanthropy becomes an empty name — "sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal."

There are many things we would gladly have to make our work still more effective :

1. Were there a few hundred dollars to expend annually for music it would be of great benefit in making our afternoon service more attractive. The other churches in our neighborhood depend much on their choirs or choruses. Good as our volunteer choir has often been, it is uncertain and ought to be strengthened by additional voices which our congregation cannot supply.

2. The gift of a stereopticon would be highly appreciated by our Men's Club. Were such in its possession, especially if it were made possible to operate it by electricity, the Club would gladly undertake to supply the neighborhood with courses of popular or scientific lectures, for which we feel that there is a need. The lantern would be of great assistance also in connection with our Sunday School and church work.

3. We do not forget our vision of a parish house. If we remain where we are, our work must become more and more a neighborhood work, and for that, a parish house, with a few rooms for resident workers, parlors for homelike sociability, rooms for classes and reading and for other purposes, would be invaluable. If any one should be moved to endow such a house in connection with our church, the opportunity certainly exists.

4. The ideal we have set before us requires for its fulfilment the co-operation of many volunteers. We need teachers for the Sunday School and would heartily welcome such assistance from our churches. We have no hesitation in saying that any of our young people who sincerely desire to be of service and to put their Unitarian faith into practice, and are willing to make some little sacrifice for that purpose, can find no better opportunity than that which our church and Sunday School and Social work offer. No one can estimate the good which might be done even by a few such volunteers. If they will come to us in the right spirit, ready to identify themselves heartily with our work, hoping to get good as well as to give it, we can assure them that the blessing will be mutual.

THE CHURCH.— Regular services have been held on Sunday afternoons at 3.15 o'clock and on Sunday evenings, alternating with the meetings of the Winkley Guild.

The attendance varies considerably with the season and the

weather. A good Sunday will give us about 150 in the afternoon and from 30 to 50, chiefly young people, in the evening. The Communion Service is held on the first Sunday of each month, during the active season, and is largely attended.

We depend upon a volunteer choir for music, paying an organist and giving a small honorarium to the choir leader. We have recently adopted a new hymn book (*Hymns for Church and Home*), 100 copies being the gift of two friends.

THE HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Regular sessions of the Sunday School have been held every Sunday, at 1.45 o'clock. There are 34 teachers and officers, 195 scholars. During the best months the average attendance is 158, fully half that number being adults. The Infant Class, in charge of Miss Jones, has been especially successful. In this department there are 37 children. Several of the classes in the main school have been remarkable for regularity and interest. A Roll of Honor has been read every month, giving the names of those teachers and scholars who have been regular and punctual during the month, and also the names of those who had attended church every Sunday. Scholars absent more than one Sunday are written to or visited.

Two Teachers' Meetings have been held each week, one being conducted by Mr. Winkley. A Social Meeting was held at the superintendent's house, in October, and the Annual Meeting, in the church parlors, in January, for the annual reports and election of officers.

The teachers have been constant in their attendance at Sunday School, deeply interested in their special scholars, and ever ready to do all they could for the welfare of the school. To Mr. J. Raynor Edmands for his faithful services as musical director, and to Mr. Chas. H. C. Brown for his many years of fidelity as recording secretary, the superintendent would give special thanks.

THE WINKLEY GUILD.—Meeting every other Sunday evening with an attendance of from 30 to 50, the Guild has had a very successful year. Rev. Mr. Shurtleff has been the president and has devoted himself most heartily to its interests, planning the programmes, presiding over the meetings and inspiring the members with a new interest and enthusiasm. Each meeting begins with a Praise Service of ten or fifteen minutes. Then follows the Guild Service, Secre-

tary's report, a paper by one of the members, quotations read by members and remarks by any who may be moved to speak.

Fifty copies of the new hymnal have been bought and paid for by the Guild. A small chorus of the members has met for practice on Friday evenings, the benefit of which has been felt both at the Guild and Sunday Evening Service.

For regular assistance at both of these services and on Friday evenings we are indebted to Miss Fette, Miss Brown and Miss Johnson, all members of King's Chapel.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.—The Alliance has met regularly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month with from fifteen to fifty present. The Study Class has taken up the lives of eminent women, and at the regular monthly meetings addresses have been made by invited speakers, among others by Rev. Charles G. Ames, Mrs. Abby Peterson, Miss Bertha Langmaid and Rev. Charles E. St. John.

Two evening meetings have been held to which the gentlemen as well as the ladies of the congregation were invited. The work of the Cheerful Letter Exchange and the Literature Committee has been quite considerable.

During Anniversary Week the members of the Alliance assisted in the hospitality which was extended to ministers and delegates from a distance and of which Bulfinch-Place Church was the centre. With the aid of other branches our Alliance served lunches every day to about a hundred persons, and the parlors of our church were thrown open for an informal reception and place of rest. The expenses of one day were met by our own people; of the other days by the other churches. It was a delightful service to have rendered and was highly appreciated both by our guests and by the American Unitarian Association.

ENTERTAINMENTS AND SOCIALS.—The usual social life of the church and Sunday School has been well kept up. Once a month there has been an entertainment of which the principal have been the Harvest Festival, an evening with Eugene Field, the Christmas Celebration and a Minstrel Performance. The Guild has had several "Socials" for its members. The Red, White and Blue Club gave its annual supper with about forty invited guests. The Girls' Club gave a Basket Party.

The Old Ladies' Party was held in June as usual with over a hundred old ladies in attendance, and the New Year's Reception was held with even greater success than the year before. The meetings of the Alliance and of the Eliot Circle have usually closed with a social half hour, with refreshments.

THE THURSDAY EVENING CONFERENCE.—Thursday evening has been set apart for a religious meeting conducted alternately by Mr. Shurtleff and Mr. Eliot. The Thursday preceding the Communion Sunday continues to be called the "Preparatory Lecture" though not differing essentially from the others. From fifteen to twenty-five persons meet for this religious service and conference.

LEND-A-HAND AND OTHER CLUBS.—A list of the clubs is as follows: The Men's Club, the Eliot Circle, the Red, White and Blue Club, the Comfort Carriers, the Sunshine Makers, the Searchlights, the John Howard Lend-a-Hand Club, and eight or ten other Lend-a-Hand Clubs which receive inspiration not only from the Harry Wadsworth mottoes but from the names of Tuckerman, Winkley, Merrill, Faulkner, which they have adopted.

These clubs serve an excellent purpose and do a great deal of genuinely good work not only for their own members but for others. Each club has for its leader either an officer of the church or one of the Sunday School teachers, and it is the constant aim of these leaders to see that their clubs serve not only the purposes of sociability but also those of the Sunday School and church.

The last Quarterly Meeting of the Lend-a-Hand Society was held at our church on Saturday, February 2, 1901. Dr. Hale presided and many interesting reports and addresses were given.

Special mention should be made of the Men's Club, the Eliot Circle and the Red, White and Blue Club. The Eliot Circle is a club of women, many of them new comers, which serves as a mothers' club. The meetings are held once a month, with an address upon some practical subject and a social "tea." Among other speakers have been Dr. Mary F. Hobart and Dr. Sarah Russell Stowell, Mrs. M. C. Whitman and Miss Georgiana Merrill.

This club was chiefly instrumental in raising the money for renovating our main Entrance Hall, and more recently has bought curtains for the parlors. It numbers thirty-two members.

The Red, White and Blue Club has continued its regular weekly

meetings, recently celebrating the 150th. Notable events were its annual supper and a joint debate in which the Red, White and Blue Club of Brighton took part. A similar debate will take place early in May. But the chief value of the club is to be found in its weekly meetings, and the strong personal influence of its leader, Miss Jones.

The Men's Club, numbering about twenty-five, has had its usual suppers and social meetings. One stereopticon lecture was given under its auspices by Mr. R. C. Humphreys, who kindly furnished the lantern and the lecture free of expense. Other addresses were given by Rev. Pitt Dillingham upon "The Work at Calhoun," Col. Evans upon "The Salvation Army in Boston," Mrs. Glendower Evans upon "Our Duty in the Philippines," and Mr. J. Rayner Edmands upon "The White Mountain Storm of June, 1900." Rev. James Eells addressed the club on Ladies' Night upon "The Place of the Church in the World of Today."

Special remembrances have been sent to about fifty families at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. At the Harvest Festival large quantities of vegetables and fruit were received and afterwards distributed. Several barrels of apples were received for this purpose from the Lend-a-Hand Farmers' Fruit Offering.

During the summer, as already reported, the work of the Mutual Helpers' Flower Mission was successfully carried on by Miss Stokes and her assistants.

The Summer Playroom was continued, with about a hundred and twenty children, during July and August. The church was open every day and Sunday services were held every Sunday, thanks to the generous assistance of the ministers who volunteered their services during the vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH SUMMER WORK, 1901.

The Summer Work has been similar to that of previous years. It has included a Summer Playroom for girls and younger boys, a Flower Mission, and one regular church service on Sunday.

The church has been open every day from 9 to 1 o'clock, either Mr. Eliot or one of his assistants being present to receive callers.

The average attendance in the playroom has been 140. The children

have enjoyed themselves heartily, and have given their teachers no trouble. On August 23, they were given a picnic at Long Island under the auspices of the Randidge Fund. Daily sessions were held from July 8 to Aug. 31.

The Mutual Helpers' Flower Mission has been actively helpful during the summer from June 1 to October 1. Large quantities of flowers have been received and distributed. Miss Jones and Miss Stokes have superintended this work, and about 6000 bunches of flowers have been given away to families in our neighborhood.

The Sunday services have been held in the afternoon at 3.15 o'clock. Mr. Eliot remained in charge until August 1. During August the services were taken by Rev. R. W. Boynton, Rev. C. W. Wendte, Rev. Chas. F. Russell and Rev. J. M. W. Pratt.

To these ministers and to many friends who sent us flowers and helped in their distribution, we give our hearty thanks.

C. R. ELIOT.

NORTH END UNION.

To the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

Briefly stated the work of the North End Union is as follows :

Gymnasium :

Young men, two evenings. Young women, one evening.
Boys, one evening.

Dressmaking :

Three classes for girls. Two classes for young women.
Two classes for adults.

Trade School Classes :

Day school of dressmaking School of plumbing.
(nine months course). Lectures on plumbing.
School of printing.

Girls' Clubs :

Delta Club. Little Helpers' Club.
Hubbard Reading Circle.

Boys' Clubs :

Edwin D. Mead Club. John Ware Club.
Good Will Club. Paul Revere Club.
Mayflower Club. Roger Wolcott Club :

Miscellaneous :

Sewing class, Saturday morning. Playroom.
Sewing, two afternoons. Public baths.
Crocheting. Sunday School.
Embroidery. Reading room and library.
Mending. Game room.
Kitchen garden. Illustrated Lectures.
Songs and games. Stamp savings.
Monthly socials.

No innovations have been made ; no distinctly new features have been launched during the past year. The effort has been to develop and extend the work along the lines already established, and to make such improvements in the quality of instruction as our limited means would permit.

In general it may be said that the work done is based quite as much upon industrial needs as upon those which are ethical or moral, if, indeed, it is possible to separate one from the other, for it may be regarded as an established principle that all moral instruction ought to be founded upon acts and occupation, upon "education through doing."

When we realize that there are more than six thousand children of school age in the North End, and that these have older brothers and sisters, it will be realized that the Union is not limited in its opportunity, provided it can offer what is desired.

Of the many things needed, which shall the Union select? There are more "ungraded" children, by far, in the schools of the North End than in any other section of the city ; that is, children who, on account of deficiencies of one kind or another, cannot be assigned to the graded classes. This is due largely to their lack of a knowledge of English when they enter the schools, and not because they are below the normal intelligence of other children. Being thus handicapped, many of them fail wholly, or in part, to get the advantages of the upper grades. The Union considers this one of its opportunities, that it can supplement the work of the public school to some good purpose by helping such, not in their book work, but in sewing, dressmaking and trades for boys. The Union does do something in this direction, but it is possible to do much more.

Again, there are large numbers of young women at work in shops and factories who must, of necessity, make their own clothes. Many of them do not know how and must needs be taught. They work for wages so low that it is very difficult for them to save enough to buy serviceable material, and too often it happens that they feel obliged to buy something that "looks well, but doesn't wear." Three of the dressmaking classes provide for this emergency. Not only are they given instruction in cutting and making, but material is sold to them at cost, and they are allowed to make easy payments. It often takes them a whole season to square up accounts.

In purchasing material for these classes advantage is taken of "bargains" and "mark-downs," so that good, serviceable dress goods can be furnished at a low price. 258 yards of dress goods, 242 yards of lining and 270 yards of other materials have been bought this season.

One class in dressmaking is provided for mothers who are so occupied during the day that they have little or no time to make garments for themselves, or who feel their inability to do so without assistance. In all these classes a machine stitcher is provided to run the long seams, thereby facilitating the despatch of work.

There is an element of gradation in the work of their different classes, and for those who wish to take up dressmaking in a more systematic way a class is provided which aims to give practical instruction in drafting, cutting and making. This class is limited to twelve pupils, is usually full, and the tuition fee is \$3.00 for twenty-four lessons.

TRADE CLASSES.—The industrial work thus far outlined pertains to the immediate needs of the individual and does not consider, primarily, the wage earning capacity. Since 1894, when the Plumbing School was opened, the Union has stood for the principle that specific training for every vocation is indispensable, that the "rule of thumb" must give way to the rule of trained knowledge. It has not held this as an abstract idea merely, but has given expression to it through the three separate trade school classes which it has established. In fact, the Union may properly claim to be the pioneer in New England in opening the first distinctive trade school class, which gave, through shop-practice, instruction to those already engaged in the trade. It is encouraging to note the development of this trade, or industrial training idea. Leading men in the Charitable Mechanics' Association have contemplated for years the establishment of such schools (we do not forget their generous kindness, when, six years ago, they gave \$500 towards our own Plumbing School), and the realization of their hopes last fall, when they opened classes in Carpentry, Bricklaying and Plumbing, calls for congratulations. The most notable acceptance of the idea that every one should be equipped for life's work in the most thorough and systematic way possible is to be found in Springfield, Mass., where two trade classes were established in 1898.

It is the most notable because they were established by the School

Committee, are under the direction of the Superintendent of the Public Schools, are paid for out of public funds and are a legitimate part of the public school work. This is a hint of what may be expected in the coming adjustment of the curriculum of all public schools to the requirements of life.

In the meantime the North End Union should continue to make its contribution to the development of public sentiment in favor of such training.

The Plumbing School continues to be as full and as successful as usual. The School of Printing which was begun in January, 1900, promises to be the best illustration of the value of industrial school training of anything we have thus far attempted. That such practical printers as J. Stearns Cushing, J. W. Phinney, Geo. H. Ellis, Henry O. Houghton and Lewis A. Wyman have consented to superintend and direct the work of the school is the best evidence that such a school is needed to supplement the opportunities of the modern printing office as well as the best guarantee that the instruction given is practical and of a kind which has a commercial value in the trade. In a word, the aim of the school is not to make more but better printers.

The number of pupils is limited to ten, as individual instruction is given, and only those taken who have had six months experience, at least, in a printing office and who are identified with the trade. In almost every case the eighteen pupils of the fall and spring terms have been sent by their employers or have come at their suggestion.

CLUBS.—The Union has nine clubs in all, one for young men, three for girls and five for boys.

In addition to the "business," every club has some definite work which varies each evening; it may be a debate, in which each member takes part, it may be a journal, prepared by an editorial staff selected from their numbers, a mock trial, a town meeting with its warrant and various officers. A heroes' night, a commemoration of certain dates with its historical reminiscences, such as March 5 and the Boston Massacre, and many other such things. The results upon the members of these clubs are very marked, bringing out the latent ability and with it self-respect. If, as has been said, the aim of education should be to stimulate people to think, and teach them how to best express their thoughts, such clubs must be considered

most educational. In addition to this the training in parliamentary law, the responsibility which comes through the holding of office, brings a dignity of bearing which is very marked.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS.— This is a class of 150 girls and twenty volunteer teachers under the general direction of Miss Barnes and Miss Curtis. They have a trained teacher to prepare the work and supervise the sewing, and the results have been very satisfactory. We desire to express our appreciation and thanks to them and their associates for their devotion to the work and for their generous kindness in assuming the entire expense of the class with the exception of the salary of the supervisor.

PUBLIC BATHS.— The facilities of the public baths are contracted, yet the good service, cleanliness and abundance of hot water is evidently appreciated, as the whole number of baths last year was 9,308. The fee of ten cents for men and five cents for women does not quite pay the expenses.

WINDOW GARDENING.— The most difficult part of starting window boxes for flowers is getting the loam. Every Spring the Union provides a prepared loam which it sells for the nominal sum of three cents a peck. Flower seeds of all kinds are sold at two cents a paper, of which 582 papers were sold last year.

STAMP SAVINGS.— The "Bank" is open twice a week. Whole number of depositors (April 1) was 332. Average weekly deposit since January 1 has been \$33.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.— These lectures, ten in number, which were fully illustrated by the stereopticon, have been of the best and well attended, in fact the demand for tickets was so great that it was deemed wise to limit the number given out.

PLAY ROOM.— The play room under the direction of Miss Barker, resident worker, where forty little ones come every afternoon, except Saturday, is always a spot of sunshine.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.— The average attendance has been 189 and twelve teachers. A much larger and better work could be done if we could get the needed teachers.

GYMNASIUM.— The Men's Class under Dr. C. C. Stroud, Director of Physical Training in Tufts College, the Young Women's Class under Miss Maccarty, and the Boys' Class under Mr. Robert Clay-

man, Miss Harvey and Miss Wells, have been as well attended as usual. Valuable work has been done and the interest sustained.

We would gladly speak in detail of the other classes if space permitted, but it may be sufficient to say that they have been well attended and that conscientious service has been rendered by those having them in charge. We desire to acknowledge our obligation to the many faithful workers who have so kindly contributed of their time and effort and who have made possible a large share of the work which has been done.

The three serious problems which confront the Union are, how to accommodate the increasing number of junior members, how to provide social opportunities for its older members, and how the increasing expenses shall be met. The Game Room where the boys congregate is by actual measurement 13 x 17 feet. When there are two boys for each seat in this room, as not infrequently happens, it will be seen that it is difficult to maintain order or to provide that occupation which boys want and should have. Being thus unprovided for, they go into the Reading Room adjoining with the spirit of unrest upon them which, for the time being, is not satisfied by books.

What shall be done to hold the members when they get older has always been a serious question. The Union has never been able to build up a constituency by attaching to itself any numbers of those who have been identified with the Union in years past, simply because it has not been able to provide such accommodations and facilities as are desired by members older grown. That these limitations entail a distinct loss to the Union as well as to the members themselves, has long been recognized, but it has been emphasized within the year by a larger number of these older members manifesting a spirit of helpfulness and a desire to be of service to the Union. We would that we might keep these thoughtful young men with us and add to their numbers. This helpfulness may be illustrated by instancing one member who for two years has had a class in the Sunday School and who has been the director of one of the clubs.

The expenses of the Union have been met in a large measure by the Fraternity, but the Fraternity may not be aware to what extent it has been necessary to supplement the amount voted by it to meet

the whole expense. This does not refer to the expense of establishing the several trade schools, which required an outlay of nearly five thousand dollars, nor to the cost of maintaining them, all of which, except heat and light, has been otherwise provided for, but rather to the amount which it has been necessary to provide, in excess of the amount voted, to cover the running expenses of the Union. The directors of the Union were able to do this because of funds acquired several years ago from the Loan Portrait Exhibit. A year ago, viewing with no little concern how rapidly this fund was disappearing, they began to consider wherein they could practice a more rigid economy. It was thought possible to consolidate the janitors' work so that it could be done by one man. This change was made and a saving effected, although it involved the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Channell, who had been with us since the first months when the Union opened.

This change carried with it keen regrets, as a matter of course, for Mrs. Channell was ever in pleasant relations with her surroundings, enthusiastic and unstinting of her efforts, and although Mr. Channell was engaged for evening work, yet it was a severing of pleasant relations of years and was much to be regretted.

With all this economy it has not been possible to meet the deficiency. If the expenses increase, as they will if more paid teachers are employed, as seems necessary, it is a question how this added expense shall be provided for.

The work of the Children's House, which consists of the several dressmaking classes for girls and various classes of sewing, crocheting, embroidery, etc., is under the direction of the Children's House Committee, Miss Ida Mason, Mrs. Edward Nash, Miss Stackpole, Miss Susan Atkinson, Mrs. E. G. Niles, Miss Emma E. Mizner and Miss Julia W. Frothingham.

This committee, which meets regularly every month, arranges for teachers, plans the work and gives it supervision. Under their direction, Miss Florence N. Barker, who is in residence at the Children's House, superintends the work, and is rendering most efficient and admirable service; and, in addition to her duties in connection with these classes, she has charge of the Play Room, visits the families of many of the children who come under her notice, and

aims to maintain such personal relations with the neighborhood as shall make her residence mutually pleasant and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

NORTH END UNION SUMMER WORK, 1901.

The Summer Work of the North End Union began July 2 with the distribution of flowers among the sick and shut-ins of the surrounding tenement districts, each week some hundreds of bouquets being carried out by little girls, members of the North End Union's clubs and classes.

The lists are made up, after personal visitation, by the resident worker, among those whose names are handed in for flowers, thus making sure that the precious blossoms are placed just where they will be most tenderly appreciated and cared for. This at the same time affords the desired opportunity for close personal touch with the homes and parents whose children make up so large a part of the Union's activities. A handful of blossoms is surely the sweetest possible kind of an introduction, and, in fact, all that is needed to insure one a warm welcome anywhere.

The instant lighting up of faces, and hearts opening like magic, to pour out all sorts of confidences, easily demonstrate that this ministry of flowers accomplishes more than can be estimated.

The outings, too, have formed another important feature. Twelve excursions, including nearly three hundred children and mothers, were successfully managed, many of whom would not otherwise have had a single day out of the hot city. Special effort was made to get the mothers off for a day with the small children—those too young to be included in the regular excursions—and two of the twelve groups were of these, besides a few mothers who accompanied their children on the other occasions. Their grateful appreciation was something to be remembered.

In addition to these special features, the resident worker was in constant demand, visiting the sick, sending children away, and responding helpfully wherever needed.

We are most grateful to all those who helped in the good work, especially to the ladies from the various towns sending flowers, who assisted in the direction and making up of the bouquets. To Rev. Mr. Deming, of the Beachmont Seashore Home, and the Baker Island Sanitorium, for many kind favors. Also to the Newton Street Railway Co., who twice very generously placed special cars and privileges of Norumbega Park at our disposal, and to Mr. Charles W. Hubbard, who provided camping accommodations at Riverside for ten or a dozen boys.

FLORENCE N. BARKER.

THE MORGAN CHAPEL.

To the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

Fewer new enterprises have been inaugurated at Morgan Chapel during the past year than usual. It did not seem wise to begin new work if the present building was soon to be torn down. Only those forms of work have been preserved, however, that could be successfully prosecuted. The death of many an enterprise has resulted from a devotion to the letter rather than to the spirit. When methods have lost their usefulness it is best to change them and accomplish our ends by easier ways. Why spend so much time perpetuating a form in which there is no life? Why waste so much care and strength in preserving a corpse? The successful missionary must have the prophetic insight. He must be more than a weather-vane. He should not only indicate the direction of present breezes but become a strong factor in producing the changed conditions. Morgan Chapel is not running in the ruts. Its methods and spirit are modern. It is having its part in the changing conditions of the neighborhood. It is today working for tomorrow. Six years ago nearly every house on certain streets were open places of vice and crime. Today most of the former occupants have fled. Into their places have come a Jewish, Italian and colored population ; for the most part virtuous and law abiding. Hundreds of children are now living in houses where formerly there were none. The subway and elevated road have torn down many buildings. The moral conditions are far better, but there is still a mighty work before us, along two lines. The multiplied childhood must be trained. There must be awakened an American and patriotic public spirit.

We have added to our children's work the past year by instituting several clubs for boys and girls. We have made a good beginning. With proper room and facilities this form of work can be pushed to increasing success.

The young men have been banded together into a brotherhood.

They meet once a week. The evening is spent in social recreation and in the discussion of interesting topics of the day. It is purposed to take an active part in some neighborhood reforms, and we would not be surprised if within a short time the Excelsior Brotherhood of Morgan Chapel would become a factor that local politicians will need to deal with.

Another new feature of work which has developed much neighborliness has been the Good Reading Club. There have been distributed and exchanged every week among hundreds of people of the community a good paper or magazine. In some cases good reading has supplanted bad; in other cases a habit of reading has been inculcated. The work has required a large number of friendly visits and a consequent better acquaintance with the neighborhood formed.

We have for the first time used the stereopticon this year. During the summer season our house was filled Sunday nights by people who came to a series of illustrated sermons on the "Life and Land of Jesus." So many children came to this service that we determined to run a double service during the winter months. While the adults attended the regular evangelistic service in the auditorium, an illustrated lantern service was continued with the children in the vestry. There has been a very large attendance and most satisfactory results. The two services will probably be combined again during the summer.

Perhaps I cannot give a better idea of our regular work during the year past than by mentioning the various services held during the week:

Sunday.—9.30 A.M. The day's work begins with a prayer and testimony meeting. The average attendance has been 32.

10.30 A.M. Is our regular preaching service. Average attendance, 75.

11.30 A.M. The Sunday School. The total enrollment, 421; average attendance is 145. The people of the community change their location frequently, which greatly accounts for the large enrollment and low average. There has been a marked improvement in instruction and discipline.

2.45 P.M. A band of people have visited the sick who were unable to attend church, and have held for them in their homes a service

of song and prayer. During the year 250 of these cottage meetings have been held.

4 P.M. The Junior League, a band of boys and girls, meet for a religious service. The League is well organized and has done the best work in its history.

6.30 P.M. The Epworth League meeting. During the summer the service was divided. After a short devotional service the company adjourned to a neighboring street corner and held an out-door meeting. An invitation was always given to attend the service to follow, and many were drawn into the church from off the streets. The Epworth League is divided into Spiritual, Mercy and Help, Literary and Social departments. Good work along all these lines has been carried on.

7.30 P.M. The evangelistic service. Average attendance, 150. During the summer, as previously announced, the church was packed with the people to attend the illustrated service. The Sunday night meeting is the popular service at Morgan Chapel.

Monday.—7 A.M. The Day Nursery opens its doors. This continues every week day during the year. The average attendance is 25. Babies continue to be born in our neighborhood, and the need of our day nursery and kindergarten is more manifest than ever. The influence of this form of ministry is not confined to the babies, who, without us, would be uncared for. The prophecy is fulfilled in our days, "A little child shall lead them." Nothing disarms bigotry and prejudice sooner than our ministry to the children. The parents are being converted and the whole home life changed. During the summer fifty babies and children were cared for at Spencer, Mass. So beneficent was the change in the children that some mothers did not recognize their rosy-cheeked babies when they were returned to them.

9 A.M.-12 M. From October to June our Kindergarten is open. It continues under the efficient and generous superintendence of Miss Lucy Wheelock, who puts her advanced pupils in charge. Several children who would be overlooked or crowded out of the public kindergartens are in this way cared for.

9 A.M.-5 P.M. Our co-operative industrial work is open every week day. The Employment Bureau does all it can for the thousands who apply. Of course, in most cases, a kind and encouraging word only

can be said. Sometimes a word of advice is given that is more valuable than the assistance asked for. It is one of the most popular features of the Chapel work. Many who were destitute have been given help, and have earned the same by sawing wood, cobbling, printing, carpentry, upholstering, scrubbing, sewing, etc. The rule is: "Each one is helped by helping some one else."

The afternoon and evening is largely occupied with the Music School of Morgan Chapel. Classes in piano, violin, mandolin, guitar, banjo and vocal culture have been formed. Since its beginning, the School of Music has had above 500 pupils. This year the attendance has been about 100. The best of instruction is furnished, and with new facilities we expect a great increase in its beneficent results.

After the chorus practice in the evening, the two circles of King's Daughters and the Young Men's Brotherhood in their respective rooms have their meetings.

Tuesday.—During the winter months certain women are permitted to meet with our Deaconess and spend the afternoon sewing. A good book is read and the conversation directed along lines profitable to all.

7.30 P.M. There are three class meetings. Two are for adults and one for children. These meetings are for Bible study, prayer, song and religious testimony.

Wednesday.—The regular work is carried on during the day.

7.30 P.M. The Total Abstinence Guild holds its meeting. This is an organization of reformed men and women. It is doing a great service for temperance in the community, and is demonstrating weekly that reformed men and women, better than any others, can reach and bring back to righteous lives those who are already departed from the paths of temperance and virtue.

At the same hour there have been held clubs of boys and girls, mention of whose work is made above.

Thursday.—7.30 P.M. The mid-week prayer and conference meeting is held. After a short exposition of scripture the people occupy the time in earnest prayer, song and exhortation. It is a religious service of much power.

Friday.—The evening is usually given up to a social. Various organizations of the chapel take the different evenings and provide

an entertainment for the public or a private meeting for their friends. Some of the most pleasant socials in the history of the Chapel have been held the past year.

Saturday.—The morning hour is devoted to the Industrial School. The girls are taught sewing; the boys card-board work and sloyd. The enrollment has been between two and three hundred, the average attendance, 125. The teachers have been supplied largely from the New England Deaconess' Training School. The school is made possible through the kind solicitation of Miss Kate Hobart, who has served as its treasurer, and has been very ably superintended by Miss Margaret L. Wyman.

8.00 P. M. The Saturday night concerts have been held from October to April. The attendance has been large, and the concerts excellent. They have been furnished by the Epworth Leagues of Boston and vicinity. After the concerts a spirited temperance meeting has been conducted by students from the School of Theology of Boston University. When we have better facilities we shall hope to introduce some new features into this Saturday night work that will make it a greater force in this community than it has been.

During the year Rev. J. L. Seaton, my assistant, was called to an important church in Norwood. I was able, however, to secure the services of Rev. Edgar Jones and Rev. W. C. Clock. The latter has just accepted the position of superintendent of missions in Kansas City, Kansas, and, Rev. Mr. Downey will take Mr. Clock's place in caring for my music and boys' club work.

Miss Edna C. Brown, who has done the very best kind of service as deaconess from the New England Deaconess Home, has been compelled to give up her work and take a year's rest. To her quiet and persistent effort is largely due the splendid growth in our children's work. We shall rejoice when her health will permit her return.

The success of the Chapel work may have something to do in keeping our veteran missionary, Miss E. S. Emmons, so young. Her persistent enthusiasm and cheerful spirit and uncomplaining endurance in her affliction is a heavenly benediction to us all. She has kept dozens of our children in school and rejoices keenly in the harvest resulting from the faithful sowing she has made in this field in the days gone by.

We desire to acknowledge the valuable help rendered in our re-

lief work by the Tuckerman Circle. Our grateful thanks are also due the students of the School of Theology of Boston University and the Training School students of the Deaconess' Home for their hearty assistance. The Epworth Leagues and other organizations that have helped us in so many different ways should receive our cordial thanks, as well as the private individuals who by words of encouragement and actual service and contributions have forwarded our work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. HELMS.

MORGAN CHAPEL SUMMER WORK, 1901.

The summer home for the children of the Kindergarten and Nursery and others was this year opened in June at Hopkinton, Mass. An old country farmhouse with ample grounds was generously donated to our use by Mr. C. W. Claflin of that village. The different societies of the Methodist churches in Hopkinton and Southville, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. O. Thurston, furnished the house. About fifty children were first taken there. Nearly every week some others have been taken out and some returned home. During the summer, in an unexpected way, measles and chicken-pox broke out. It caused lots of extra work for those who cared for the children and while it lasted prevented others from having the advantage of the summer home; but it was a benediction to the afflicted children to have such a lovely place and such excellent care in their sickness. In every case the sickness was very slight. The country home will be kept open till October.

The picnics at Long Island and to Allston were crowded to the fullest capacity. Besides these larger affairs there have been many outings for the various classes and clubs. Nor have the old and overworked been overlooked, but have upon our appeal been helped to a few days or weeks of rest through various kind organizations when we were unable to do so.

During the summer, though the work has been so widely distributed owing to rebuilding, it has been remarkably successful. Through the generous courtesy of the Barnard Memorial we have had a splendid place for our Sunday services and Thursday night prayer meeting. Some changes in the hours of service were needed, but the congregations have been large and the interest encouraging.

The Temperance Meeting at the American Volunteers' Hall, 64 Pleasant Street, has continued through the heated season with success.

Perhaps no meetings have been more successful than the open air services held from the steps of our club house and headquarters at 9 Wheeler Street. On Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights, if it did not rain, out-door evangelistic services have been held. Large and attentive crowds have been the rule. Many have tarried at the close of these services to forswear drink and begin a Christian life. It is intended to continue these services as long as the weather will permit and the interest will warrant. To the missionaries who have been indefatigable in their efforts, and to the Sunday Schools and friends who have so kindly contributed to make this good work possible the management and pastor desires to acknowledge their hearty thanks.

E. J. HELMS.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

To the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

In undertaking to superintend the work at Parker Memorial this year, it was with the understanding that the duties would be very light. In view of the proposed change of location, it seemed advisable to the Parker Memorial Committee to give up all the industrial classes for adults except the dressmaking and millinery, but more classes have been added to the children's department, making fully as much detail work as last year.

ADULT WORK.— We have had two classes in millinery and two classes in dressmaking. In both branches the pupils have done excellent work, and many thanks are due the teachers for the individual interest in their pupils and their spirit of co-operation, without which no class can be successful.

A Singing Class was opened the first of February. There are so many large choruses that it is difficult to maintain a class of this kind, even though we have a very efficient teacher, but the interest shown by those who attend is very encouraging for the building of a larger class next season.

The Mothers' Club has had a very successful winter, with an increase in membership to thirty-two. They have enjoyed several entertainments given by the young people of our Unitarian churches. The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian Church in West Newton sent a gift of twenty-five dollars, which purchased some comfortable rocking chairs. Rev. E. J. Helms kindly officiated at the christening of a baby boy whose mother was a member of the club.

During the summer one of our older members was taken from our midst. In the six years of the club's existence we have lost by death only two members.

As the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has some interest in the Boys' Institute of Industry at Roxbury this winter, I was asked to do some work there. I formed a Mothers' Club, inviting some

of the mothers of the children who go to the classes at the Institute. The club has been growing slowly, as did ours at Parker Memorial the first year, but with the milder weather comes an increase in membership, and they seem to have made a fairly good start. The Roxbury Club and the Parker Memorial Club have exchanged visits, and each time there was a good attendance.

CHILDREN'S WORK.— Miss Burrage, who has for several years had charge of the large Thursday afternoon sewing class for girls, spent this season in Europe, but left an efficient staff of workers to carry on the class. The work the children have accomplished shows faithful earnest devotion on the part of the teachers.

On Wednesday afternoons eighteen little girls are taught nature work by sewing, drawing and coloring birds and flowers. The two young ladies having charge of this work give short talks about the particular flower or bird which is the subject of the afternoon's work, and have given the children a great deal of valuable information.

The Sphinx Club has carried on its work Saturday mornings as heretofore. In addition to the classes in embroidery, painting, elocution and piano, classes in paper flower work and violin have been formed. This season there has been a larger number of pupils in music, and this branch of the club work has been particularly successful. The club has furnished one of the small rooms in the building as a music room.

On Saturday mornings the Library is open, from which the boys and girls take books home. After selecting their books the children play games for an hour.

On Saturday afternoons there is a Cooking Class for eight little girls of from ten to twelve years old.

On Saturday afternoons from forty to seventy little girls gather in Fraternity Hall for two hours of games, their ages ranging from four to twelve years.

Every Thursday evening the children meet and sing for an hour.

There are one hundred and ten depositors in the Children's Bank, and they have deposited since October \$113.50, withdrawn \$67.30.

All these children's classes are taught by young people from our various Unitarian Churches, who generously give their time and attention to the work. Their influence upon the lives of the children cannot be estimated, and we feel that with twenty-three earnest

young people coming in contact with the children here each week, Parker Memorial takes its place in the uplifting of the great South End.

PHILANTHROPIC WORK.—Under this heading I would like to cite two instances which will give some idea of the variety of work at Parker Memorial.

Early in the winter two little boys were reported to me as being seen on the street, ragged, with no shoes, begging. I called upon them and found the family apparently in very straightened circumstances. Thinking more than temporary aid might be needed, I referred them to the Associated Charities, and together we investigated. The father of the children, who was then insane, died shortly after. We found the woman was not the mother of the boys, which she claimed to be, was very untruthful, and appearances showed pretty plainly that the children were not well treated. When we discovered to some extent the amount of begging the children were made to do, we reported them to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who took them away from the woman and placed them in a home, where they will remain until the aunt who is willing and able to care for them is appointed guardian.

The other instance is very different, but demanded much time. Outside aid from the Old Men's Home was obtained for a worthy and respectable old person who has been an invalid for several years. He has been made very comfortable and happy this winter, and feels that he can never express his thanks for this help.

Grateful acknowledgment is due the Tuckerman Circle for money sent me for charitable purposes, enabling me to make the winter less hard for many who might otherwise have suffered from cold and want of food. I also gladly acknowledge gifts of clothing sent from the Second Church and individuals.

MISCELLANEOUS.—One hundred and fifty guests were present at our seventh annual Thanksgiving Dinner, nearly all of whom were Americans. This dinner was provided, as heretofore, by our friends in the country, who sent generous gifts of money and flowers as well as fruit and vegetables. The same excellent help was given by the young people of the various city churches in preparing and serving this dinner.

A large supply of jellies has been received for distribution among

the sick. Some of these jellies have come through appeals in the "Word and Work" of the Young People's Religious Union. These delicacies have been very welcome and much appreciated by many this winter.

We have had several entertainments, including a Minstrel Show given by the Girls' Club from the First Church, Boston Comedy Club, Herford Club, Second Church Young People, Los Listos Club of Dorchester, Dorothea Dix House Children.

The following clubs and societies have had the privilege of the use of the halls and rooms at Parker Memorial this winter :

Parker Memorial Science Class.	Free Religious Association.
Martha and Mary Sewing Society.	Sunshine Club.
Eastern Kindergarten Assoc.	Hale House.
Girls' Fraternity Club.	Handel and Haydn Society.
Boston Fruit and Flower Mission.	Women's Educational & Indus-
Mass. Association of Working	trial Union.
Girls' Clubs.	Woman's Charity Club.
Kindergarten Training School.	

I want to express my appreciation of Mr. Getchell's faithfulness and his ready willingness to help at all times.

To the teachers and workers who have so heartily co-operated with me in striving to get the best results from the work carried on here this winter, I give most heartfelt thanks. Without their help it would have been impossible for me to have carried on the work successfully.

We wish to thank the Associated Charities for their co-operation in our philanthropic work, the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission for the flowers and fruit given us whenever we have sickness among our people, and the many friends who have shown their interest by financial or personal help.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA M. WHIPPLE,
Acting Superintendent.

PARKER MEMORIAL SUMMER WORK, 1901.

The usual summer work has been conducted at the Parker Memorial during the months of July and August. A kindergarten has met every morning in the East parlor under the care of Miss Nancy Noyes, assisted at the piano by Miss Flora M. Whipple. The session ended with an exhibition by the class which was attended by adult friends.

The domestic class, under the painstaking tuition of Mrs. Ernestine H. Briggs, met every morning in the week, and was taught many useful things in domestic, hygiene and social manners.

The lower hall was opened daily for the children's use as a playground, and furnished a cool and pleasant resort to many in the neighborhood.

Fresh air excursions were made by the various classes, under the care of Miss Whipple and teachers, to Waverly Oaks, Merrymount Park, Quincy and Nantasket, while seventy-five children connected with our classes went on the Randidge excursion to Long Island. The Mothers' Club enjoyed a moonlight sail to Nantasket. Mention should be made of the free ice distribution to the sick, about 10,000 lbs. being disposed of from June 1st to October 1st.

Miss Whipple has been at her desk all summer to answer questions and render service.

On the 1st of August Rev. C. W. Wendte, the newly appointed minister of the Parker Memorial, assumed charge. An extensive renovation and improvement of the edifice was begun. For two months the building has been in the hands of carpenters, painters, masons and electricians, and promises to emerge from their hands better fitted than ever for the larger work which is contemplated for it.

By the request of the Committee, Miss Flora M. Whipple, who, after eight years of faithful and valuable service, resigned her position as Superintendent to enter another vocation, continued her service to Oct. 1.

CHARLES W. WENDTE.

CHANNING CHURCH, DORCHESTER.

To the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston :

This is my first annual report to you and also the first of Channing Church. A little more than a year ago your Secretary informed me that you contemplated the building of a new church, and suggested the idea that I be the minister of it. The task, though arduous, seemed attractive, and after your call had been extended and accepted, I began the work, the first day being given to examining the drawings submitted to various architects. At that time it was hoped that the new church would be finished early in the following autumn.

The work of the spring and the summer has already been reported to you in my preliminary report of last September. Excavation for the new building did not commence before the summer was well advanced, but September saw the frame up. It was necessary to find a temporary place for religious work. Athenaeum Hall, just at hand in the old historic "Town-Meeting Square," was obtained and was fitted up with folding chairs, a cabinet reed organ and temporary pulpit furniture.

The first service was held at 11 o'clock on the morning of the first Sunday in October. About thirty people were present and took part in the simple, earnest service. At 12 o'clock twenty children and grown people were present for the Sunday School. For nearly three months this hall was the place of meeting, and the congregation and the Sunday School grew till the school numbered forty and the congregation was about seventy-five or eighty.

It was a pleasure on the Sunday before Christmas to be able to have the service in the bright, pretty Sunday-School room of the new church. The hour of service was changed to 10.45, the school being continued at 12 o'clock. During the remainder of the winter the meetings were conducted in this room. The congregations numbered from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five, and

the Sunday School from fifty to sixty. The teaching force of the school has increased satisfactorily, so that it has been possible to keep pace with the growth of the number of pupils.

Meantime the work on the remainder of the building made progress, and on the second Sunday in March the auditorium was near enough to completion to permit the holding of the service there. There have now been four Sunday morning services in that room, all of which have been well attended, the Easter morning congregation quite filling the church. On Wednesday evening, April 10, occurred the dedication of the building and the installation of the minister. It was an inspiring service in which the leaders of your organization brought, by their presence and addresses, large hopes and the helpfulness of wise words to the people and the minister of your new church.

We have, then, as we face the coming year, and all the coming years, a new church building which seems admirably adapted to the work that ought to be done by a church in this neighborhood. We have a Sunday School full of life and enthusiasm; we have an encouraging congregation and a group of loyal workers in it, which furnish the basis for a successful and coherent church society.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY HALLAM SAUNDERSON.

CHANNING CHURCH SUMMER WORK, 1901.

The summer work has not differed very widely from the work of the preceding months. Beginning as it did in October, 1900, the Sunday school was later this summer in completing the year's course of lessons than many other schools. The series current during the year, "Great Passages," was used, and it was finished by the school in the middle of July. The Sunday-School picnic was held on July 17th. Special cars carried the school to Arlington Heights and from there to Billerica. The lessons selected for use this year are the "Old Testament Narratives," and the school is now beginning these.

Of the regular church services there are fewer details to be related. The attendance during these months has been good, and a number of people who had not attended before, have associated themselves with us. The church was closed during August. The outlook for the year to come is

very encouraging. Preparations are now being made for the celebration on October sixth of the first anniversary of the gathering of the congregation and Sunday School.

Local flower work was done, special thought being given to the sick and aged in the parish. A notable occasion was the "Service of Roses," on a hot Sunday morning in July. A faithful teacher of one of the younger classes in the Sunday School took charge of the fresh air work and gave car-rides to a number of children whose homes are in or near Washington Village. Fortunately there has been comparatively little illness among our people.

HENRY HALLAM SAUNDERSON.

STATEMENT
OF
WILLIAM P. FOWLER, Treasurer.

Statement of William P. Fowler, Treasurer.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the
City of Boston for the year ending May 1, 1901.

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,616 04
Bank tax rebate	66 58
Methodist denomination	1,200 00
Income from investments	9,825 19
Howard Sunday School Club	250 00
Contributions from friends	1,445 00
Contribution from churches	5,306 73
Contributions from friends for Parker Memorial	495 63
	<u>\$22,205 17</u>

EXPENSE.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

Expenses	\$5,685 03	\$5,685 03
Rents received	\$1,580 04	
Friends	495 63	
	<u>2,075 67</u>	
Net expense	\$3,609 36	

NORTH END UNION.

Expenses	\$4,559 43	4,559 43
Rents received	<u>1,000 00</u>	
Net expense	\$3,559 43	

CHANNING CHURCH.

Expenses	\$2,081 30	2,081 30
Rents received	<u>125 00</u>	
Net expense	\$1,956 30	

MORGAN CHAPEL.

Expenses	\$2,856 70	2,856 70
Rents received	\$911 00	
Methodist denomination	<u>1,200 00</u>	
	<u>2,111 00</u>	
Net expense	\$745 70	

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

Expenses	\$4,376 16	4,376 16
Howard S. S. Club for Miss Stokes' salary,	<u>250 00</u>	
Net expense	\$4,126 16	

SUNDRIES.

Administrative expenses	\$2,040 00	
Printing, postage and stationery	230 90	
Services on Common	151 05	
Rent of safe in Union Safe Deposit Vaults	30 00	
Union Services at First Church in Roxbury	75 00	
Legal expenses in obtaining leave to mortgage Morgan Chapel	<u>170 30</u>	
	<u>2,697 25</u>	
	\$22,255 87	
Expenditures	\$22,255 87	
Income	<u>22,205 17</u>	
Deficit	\$50 70	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,612 51	
King's Chapel	1,453 00	
South Congregational Church	1,200 00	
Second Church in Boston	555 00	
First Church in Boston	204 00	
First Parish in Dorchester	150 00	
Church of the Disciples	50 00	
First Congregational Society in Jamaica Plain	50 00	
Hawes Unitarian Church	32 22	
	<hr/>	\$5,306 73

FOR PARKER MEMORIAL.

Friends	\$17 22	
John C. Haynes	100 00	
Miss Lucy Wheelock	68 00	
Miss Edith Burrage	10 00	
A Girls' Club	8 00	
Negro Convention	15 00	
Children of Parker Memorial	20 00	
George Herbert Hosmer Guild	8 00	
Parker Memorial Science Class	10 00	
Anna M. and Susan A. Whiting	50 00	
Mary B. and Ella C. Cummings	25 00	
The Eastern Kindergarten Association	25 00	
Hale Union of Newton Centre	15 00	
Social Club, Church of Disciples	5 00	
Sunday School, Church of Disciples	12 41	
Nathaniel Hall Society of Dorchester	5 00	
Sunday School Class, West Newton	45 00	
Sunday School, First Parish of Quincy	5 00	
Sunday School, First Parish in Cambridge	50 00	
Young People's Religious Union, West Upton	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$495 63

FRIENDS.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100 00	
Grenville H. Norcross	100 00	
W. H. P. Robbins	20 00	
Mrs. S. P. Blake	15 00	
Mrs. F. C. Manning	10 00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25 00	
Methodist Denomination	1,200 00	
Handel and Haydn Society	175 00	
Estate of Benjamin Sweetser	2,000 00	
Estate of Robert C. Billings	1,500 00	
Estate of Rebecca P. Wainwright	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,145 00

BOSTON, May 4, 1901.

I have examined the accounts of Mr. William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor, together with the special and general investments, verifying the securities and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct.

EDWIN L. HOMER.

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES

IN

THE CITY OF BOSTON.

1901-1902.

Meetings and Committees.

The Annual Meeting of the Fraternity is on the first Sunday in May, at which time the officers for the year are chosen. The contributions of the Branches should be paid before the first day of May, when the financial year begins. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December and the second Sunday in March.

The Delegates are divided into Committees, serving two months. Each Committee, during its time, visits the various Chapels and Sunday Schools.

Delegates are urged to inspect the churches and their work during the week, as well as on Sundays; also to attend the week-day services of the Ministers.

It is very desirable that the Delegates should inform the contributing churches of the working of the Ministry-at-Large.

It is also recommended that the Chairmen of the Visiting Committees call their committees together, and arrange for visiting upon some definite plan.

The visiting is suspended in July, August and September.

NOTE.

The Headquarters of the "Fraternity" are at Parker Memorial, corner Berkeley and Appleton Streets. Rev. C. W. Wendte, who is in charge, will be found at his office from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. every week day, to answer calls for information or services. Rev. Edward A. Horton retires from official duty as Executive Agent.

Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston.

1901-1902.

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Churches and Ministers.

Bulfinch-Place Church.—Sunday Services; Sunday School at 1.45 P. M. Public Worship at 3.15 P. M. The Winkley Guild and Evening Services at 7.30 P. M.

Various meetings during the week :—

Thursday Evening.—Religious Conference.

Wednesdays and Thursdays.—Teachers' Meetings.

Social Meetings once a month.

Women's Alliance twice a month.

Men's Club once a month.

The Eliot Sewing Circle and various "Lend-a-Hand" and "Red, White and Blue" Clubs hold frequent meetings.

Saturday Afternoon.—Housekeeping and Cooking Classes for children.

Popular lectures will be given during the winter by able speakers.

Kindergarten Playroom and Flower Mission during the Summer.

Mr. Eliot or one of his Assistants will be found at the church every week day from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *Minister*. Residence, 2 West Cedar Street.

Rev. Samuel H. Winkley, *Pastor Emeritus*. Residence, 11 Louisburg Square.

Miss Edith L. Jones, *Assistant*. Residence, 11 Joy Street.

Miss Katherine R. Stokes, *Assistant*. Residence, 181 Hancock Street, Dorchester.

North End Union, Parmenter Street.

Sunday.—Sunday School at 3.15 P. M.

Monday.—Plumbing School (shop work), Gymnasium, Boys' Club, Girls' Literary Club, Drawing, Dressmaking (two classes—for girls and for adults), Printing (shop work), advanced, Stamp Saving.

Tuesday.—Two Boys' Clubs, Girls' Club, Dressmaking, Printing (shop work), advanced.

Wednesday.—Mothers' Meetings, Plumbing School (shop work), Gymnasium, Girls' Club, Drawing, Picture Loan, Dramatic Class.

Thursday.—Dressmaking (adults), Girls' Gymnasium, Boys' Club, Stamp Saving, Mothers' Meeting, Printing (shop work), advanced, Plumbing School Lectures.

Friday.—Boys' Gymnasium, Embroidery.

Saturday.—Songs and Games, Kitchen Garden, Sewing School, Illustrated Lectures.

Playroom for little ones five afternoons.

Classes in Dressmaking, Sewing, Mending, Darning, Dolls' Dressmaking, Fancy Paper Work, etc., for school girls afternoon and evening.

Reading Room open every evening. Public baths every day from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

Samuel F. Hubbard, *Superintendent*. Residence, 73 Pinckney Street.

Miss Florence N. Barker, *Assistant*. Residence, 32 Parmenter Street.

Morgan Chapel, corner of Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street.

During rebuilding the work is considerably disarranged and distributed in various places.

Every Day.—9 to 12, Kindergarten. 7 to 6, Nursery. 9 to 9, Reading Room. 9 to 12, Employment Bureau. 9 to 5, Co-operative Industrial Work. Above at 9 Wheeler St.

Monday.—7.30 to 8.30, King's Daughters. 7.30 to 9.30, Excelsior Brotherhood. Afternoon and Evening, Music Classes. At 9 Wheeler Street.

Tuesday.—7.30 to 8.30, Class Meetings. At 9 Wheeler Street.

Wednesday.—7.30 to 9.30, Total Abstinence Guild. At 64 Pleasant Street. 7.30 to 9.30, Clubs for Boys and Girls. At 9 Wheeler Street.

Thursday.—7.30 to 8.30, Prayer and Conference Meeting. At 33 Pleasant Street.

Friday.—Afternoon Music Classes. 7.30 to 9, Ladies' Home Culture Circle, second Friday. 7.30 to 9, Epworth League and Church Social, fourth Friday. At 9 Wheeler Street.

Saturday.—10 to 12, Industrial School. 8 to 11, Saturday Night Open Air Concert and Rescue Work.

Sunday.—9.30 A.M., Prayer and Praise. 10, Sunday School. 11, Preaching. 2.45 P.M., Cottage Meetings. 6.30, Epworth League. 7.30, Evangelistic Meeting. At Barnard Memorial, 10 Warrenton Street.

Rev. E. J. Helms, *Minister*. Residence, 59 Patten Street.

Rev. Edgar Jones, *Assistant*. Residence, 72 Mt. Vernon St.

Francis H. Slack, *Janitor*.

Parker Memorial, corner of Berkeley and Appleton Streets.

Open every day from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Reading Room and Library.

Social and Club Rooms.

Gymnasium and Baths.

Classes, lectures and Entertainments.

The Minister will be at his office daily, except Sunday, from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., to meet all who may call upon him for counsel or service.

The Minister's Assistant will be at her desk every afternoon, except Sunday, from 1 to 5 P.M., to impart information and render any service in her power.

The Minister, or some of his fellow-workers, will be present in the Social Hall every week-day evening to welcome friends and visitors.

Industrial Classes for young people, under competent instructors, in Wood Carving and Modelling, Printing, Dress-making, Millinery, Sewing, Cooking, etc.

Educational Classes in Elocution, Literature, Languages, Piano, Violin, Voice, Drawing and Painting, etc. (carried on by the Sphinx Club), Parker Fraternity, Mothers' Club, Young Men's Club, Young Women's Club, Dramatic Club, Flower Mission, etc.

Sunday Evening Services at 7.30 o'clock. Chorus Choir.
Seats free. All invited. Minister's Sunday Evening Reception after the service in the parlors.

Minister, Rev. Charles W. Wendte. Residence, 222 Huntington Avenue.

Minister's Assistant,

Musical Director, Frederick W. Wodell.

Janitor, Wendell Phillips Getchell.

Visitors welcomed at any time.

Channing Church, Dorchester, Cottage Street, near Dorchester Avenue.

Sunday.—Preaching Service, 10.45 A.M. Sunday School, 12 M.

Monday.—"Channing Chorus," 8 P.M.

Thursday.—Girls' Club, 7 P.M.

Friday.—Boys' Club, 7 P.M. Mutual Helpers' Flower Work, 10 A.M. (July and August).

Saturday.—Library Club, 3 P.M.

Rev. H. H. Saunderson, *Minister*. Residence, 6 Thacher Road, Dorchester.

Visiting Committees, 1901-1902.

COMMITTEES TO SERVE TWO MONTHS.

The Delegates are earnestly requested to observe the following suggestions as far as possible :—

1. That the body of Delegates from each church be invited to organize for the purpose of increasing interest in the Fraternity and augmenting its resources, each delegation adopting such plans as may best accomplish its purposes.
2. That hereafter each of the Visiting Committees of the Delegates visit during the successive months in such manner that there shall be two committees visiting each month.
3. That the Visiting Committees be requested to arrange their work so far as possible in such a way that at least one member of the committee shall be able to make a thorough report on each chapel.
4. That the delegates be earnestly invited not to confine their visits to their regular months, but to visit work in which they are interested at other times.

October and November.

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November and December.

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No assignments are made for July, August and September, but Delegates are urged to inspect the summer work at their convenience.

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people who are either indifferent to church life and work or have become alienated. In other words, it seeks by a flexible and all-around manner to be the Ministry-at-Large of the Unitarian churches of Boston, fulfilling for them and with them many most important duties. The means for this wide and varied work are provided by funds which have been steadily growing through bequests since the "Fraternity's" origin, and also by annual donations from most of the Unitarian churches in the city of Boston. The conduct of its affairs has been so discreet in the past that it has won confidence from all sources. Although under the auspices of the Unitarian churches, it is unsectarian, and aims to instill those truths which lead to character, and to spread those influences that tend to create self-respect, self-support, and genuine Christian faith. Some of our best-known leaders in religious and moral movements have been associated with this organization, such as Channing, Gannett, Henry Ware, Parkman, Barrett, S. K. Lothrop, Robbins, Starr King, J. F. W. Ware, Henry P. Kidder, Charles Faulkner, Rufus Ellis, and many others of the clergy and laity equally well-known. Recognizing the claims and opportunities of modern life in a city like Boston, the "Fraternity" wishes to preserve all the merits of the past ways of carrying on missionary work, and to add thereto new methods and enlarged plans.

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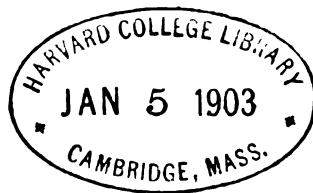
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Delegate Meetings and Committees.

The Annual Meeting of the Fraternity is on the first Sunday in May, at which time the officers for the year are chosen. The contributions of branches should be paid before the first day of May, when the financial year begins. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December and the second Sunday in March.

The delegates are divided into Committees, serving two months. Each Committee, during its time, visits the various Chapels and Sunday Schools.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

May 1, 1902.

To the Delegates of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, Boston :

It is difficult in the brief space allotted to the President's report to more than hint at the work accomplished in the last year. Those who desire details must look for them under the full reports of the ministers and superintendents. For the executive committee the season has been a busy and important one. From time to time it has been necessary to give attention to changes at Channing Church ; to renovations and improvements at Parker Memorial, and to the new building, now almost completed, at the corner of Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street (hereafter to be known as the Morgan Memorial). The numerous problems involved in reopening the Parker Memorial as a church, and in fitting the Morgan Memorial to the needs of the present has taken much thought and study, generously given by the sub-committees on these two institutions. In spite of great care, the expenditures have exceeded the income. We feel sure the delegates will concur in thinking that the forward policy inaugurated is a wise one and that the added usefulness given to our chapels far outweighs the few hundred dollars of deficit.

It may be remembered that when the delegates decided to have the Parker Memorial remain at its present site, it was voted to request the executive committee to emphasize two things in the new plan : First, Sunday evening services ; Second, Social benefits especially to the lodging house population in the immediate vicinity. I am glad to say that under the able management of Rev. Mr. Wendte attractive religious services have been held every Sunday night since October. The congregations have greatly fluctuated in size and composition but there is now a nucleus of faithful and interested ones who are present at nearly every service.

Mr. Wendte, and his assistants, Miss Jennison and Mr. Burlingame, have done all possible to create an atmosphere of cheerfulness and sociability. The commodious parlors, provided with books, papers and games, brilliantly lighted every evening, have

extended their welcome to all who might come. The various social occasions have been well attended, and from present indications it is expected that the building will be used more and more by young couples as a cheerful meeting place where in a social way they may entertain their friends.

Especial attention should be called to the new Morgan Memorial. In every respect the building is well fitted for the needs of the community. In it there are three large auditoriums; the lower is to be called the Children's Church; it is fitted up in amphitheatre style and when seated with chairs will hold a large number of children. Above this is what is to be known as Emmons Hall. On the third floor is the main assembly room or church, with gallery, and on the same floor there is a room for kindergarten purposes, and one for a Day Nursery. The Day Nursery soon to open will take children from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. The children can be brought from homes where the parents need to go away to earn a livelihood, or where there is sickness or distress that warrants. The little ones are to be given dinners, and, if cribs are provided for the purpose, afternoon naps. The furnishing of this room as well as of the kindergarten will be done by outside parties thus relieving the Fraternity of an additional expense.

Owing to unfortunate delays and changes, the Morgan Memorial cannot be opened until the first Sunday in June. I am glad to say that the Methodist denomination is as heartily interested in this work at Morgan Memorial as we are and have duplicated the sum we have voted. In the fullest sense therefore Morgan Memorial may be called a coöperative church.

At the time when Mr. Horton felt compelled to resign the office of Executive Agent, the question of administration became the most prominent one. During his long incumbency Mr. Horton had become so familiar with the Fraternity work, he was so fully trusted by the Executive Committee, that gradually all power came to center in his office. The various heads of Chapels sought his advice and counted upon his long experience to help them in solving their various problems. To lose suddenly this wise guidance, and to be able to lean no longer on Mr. Horton's experience, made delegates and President feel anxious for future results.

It was easily seen that Mr. Wendte, if he desired to make his work at the Theodore Parker Memorial a success, could spare little time for the complex duties and multitudinous details connected with so varied an organization as the Fraternity. The President could not spare the time. How then was the work to be done? Who was to plan, to oversee? To whom were the officers and ministers of the Chapels to go in case they desired to make recommendations or suggest changes?

After careful deliberation it was decided, not without some misgiving as to its practical value, to divide the Executive Committee into sub-committees on Chapels, each of these special committees to acquaint itself as thoroughly as possible with the needs and work of the Chapel under its charge. Further it was decided to allow the head of a Chapel to make, at any time, to the chairman of the sub-committee having the matter in charge, a request for such changes as he might desire. If this request received the endorsement of the chairman, then the matter would receive the attention of the whole Executive Committee. A special meeting was set aside in every month when the Executive Committee should give its attention to some particular chapel. At that meeting the superintendent or minister-in-charge could go over the whole field of his activities and personally champion any policy or improvement he desired.

This new method of administration has worked better than any one of us anticipated. Active business men and busy clergymen have given an amount of time and attention to the Fraternity work which was unknown before, the executive meetings have been well attended, the discussions animated, and a wider circle of interest has resulted. I cannot refrain from especially thanking the sub-committee on Morgan Memorial for the arduous and often vexing duties which they have so conscientiously performed. If the Fraternity possesses in this plant a thoroughly convenient and admirable building, and that, too, at a cost not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, it is because Mr. Courtenay Guild and his assistants oversaw the construction, and by careful supervision kept the expense to within a reasonable limit.

The Church in Roslindale and Christ Church, Dorchester, are not strictly organizations belonging to or connected with the Fra-

ternity. They do, however, represent indirectly the attempt of the Executive Committee in past years to meet the needs of newer Boston, and their ministers report to the head of the Fraternity, and receive such aid from time to time as is within our jurisdiction. It is pleasant, therefore, to report that Roslindale has been able to reduce somewhat its debt to our treasury and to further say that the Executive Committee by lessening the rate of interest has made it easier for minister and people in this coming year to carry forward their activities.

Mr. Solley, in Dorchester, seems greatly encouraged by the outlook, and through his Young People's Religious Union, his Christmas party and Sunday evening services has done much to draw in the young people and make Christ Church a center for those who are without a religious home.

One thing begins to be apparent, and that is that the time has come when our various institutions must become parts of one large coördinated organization. Specialization is the order of the day. The old independent chapel, in no way related to the general work, needs to give way and be replaced by the chapel which is vitally and directly related to the whole system and performs a certain kind of work because its location and the immediate wants of that location clearly point the way of its activities.

In conclusion I think I can say with pardonable pride that what has been done in the past twelve months is not to be excelled by any similar organization in Boston. I wish the facts that go to prove this assertion were more widely known, but a careful perusal of the yearly report will go far to corroborate my statement. May I not ask that you will do what you can to disseminate this information and further try to increase the interest in our common Unitarian philanthropy which is carried on under the honorable name of Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.

THOMAS VAN NESS.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM P. FOWLER, TREASURER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the
City of Boston for the Year Ending May 1, 1902.

INCOME.

Rents	\$ 2,527 53
Bank tax rebate	34 90
Income from investments	10,158 57
Contributions from friends	747 05
Contributions from churches	5,753 45
Contributions for Morgan Chapel	1,494 74
Contributions for Channing Church	723 77
Contributions for Parker Memorial	947 66
Contributions for Bulfinch Place Church	25 00
	<u>\$22,412 67</u>

EXPENSE.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

Expenses	\$9,278 31	\$9,278 31
Rents received	\$1,492 53	
Less taxes	286 08	
	<u>\$1,206 45</u>	
Friends	947 66	
Appropriated to Boys' Institute of Industry	500 00	2,654 11
Net expense		<u>\$6,624 20</u>

NORTH END UNION.

Expenses	\$4,750 00	4,750 00
Rents received	\$1,000 00	
Rebate on gas bill	2 40	1,002 40
Net expense		<u>\$3,747 60</u>

CHANNING CHURCH.

Expenses	\$2,949 43	2,949 43
Friends	723 77	
Net expense	<u>\$2,225 66</u>	

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

Expenses	\$3,228 65	3,228 65
Rents received	\$25 00	
Friends	1,494 74	1,519 74
Net expense		<u>\$1,708 91</u>

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

Expenses	\$4,201 23	4,201 23
Friends	25 00	
Net expense	\$4,176 23	

SUNDRIES.

Services on Common	\$107 12	
Administrative expenses	1,025 00	
Taxes on Parker Memorial	286 08	
Printing, postage and stationery	214 75	
Desk for Executive Committee	17 50	
Expense of Tuckerman Anniversary	49 99	
Rent of safe in Union Safe Deposit Vaults	30 00	
Union Services at First Church in Roxbury	75 00	
Repairing roof of Bulfinch-Place Church	69 60	
Resetting curb at Bulfinch-Place Church	15 00	
Laying asphalt walk at Bulfinch-Place Church	200 00	
Compensation for personal injury received from snow falling from roof of Bulfinch-Place Church	800 00	2,890 04
		<u>\$27,297 66</u>

Expenditures	\$27,297 66
Income	22,412 67
Deficit	<u>\$4,884 99</u>

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Arlington Street Church	\$2,407 02	
King's Chapel	1,553 00	
South Congregational Church	1,200 00	
Second Church in Boston	300 00	
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First Parish in Dorchester	75 00	
Church of the Disciples	50 00	
Hawes Unitarian Church	28 43	
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Parker Memorial Science Class	10 00	
Sunday School, Church of Disciples	10 00	
Lexington Unitarian Church Sunday School	64 00	
Mrs. Jaynes' class, West Newton Sunday School	8 00	
Woman's Alliance of West Newton Unitarian Church	<u>25 00</u>	947 66

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John J. May	<u>36 30</u>	723 77

FOR BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

King's Chapel	\$25 00	25 00
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Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100 00	
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BOSTON, May 3, 1902.

I have examined the accounts of Mr. William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor, together with the special and general investments, verifying the securities and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct.

GEO. S. CHASE.

BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

Bulfinch Place, near Bowdoin Square.

In charge REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Residence, 2 West Cedar St.
Assistants, MISS E. L. JONES, and MISS K. R. STOKES, address at the Church.

Two or three questions may well be asked as to our present work at the Bulfinch-Place Church.

1. How many people do you reach, directly and indirectly?
2. Who are these people, as to residence and social condition?
3. What do they contribute toward the finances or activities of the Church?
4. What methods are now in use to meet their needs or to increase their numbers?

1. In reply to the first of these questions, which relates to the number of people reached, directly or indirectly, I would give the following statistics :

Number of families closely connected with the Church,	224
Number of individuals thus represented,	450
Number of families visited but not closely connected, . .	200
Number of individuals thus represented (approximate), . .	600
Number of teachers and pupils in Sunday School,	189
Number of officers and teachers,	30

Of the 224 families above mentioned, 112 reside in the city proper.* If Charlestown, Cambridge and Somerville were to be included, each being within a twenty or twenty-five minutes' ride, this number would be increased by 43, making 155 in all. Of the 450 individuals represented by the 224 families, 215 reside in the city proper, to which number 94 would be added for Charlestown, Cambridge and Somerville, making 309. Of the 189 in the Sunday School, 108 belong to the city proper. Of the 200 families visited but not closely connected, practically all live in the West End.

In regard to these statistics, it should be said that a large number of the families comprise only one or two individuals. The figures given do not include a considerable number of persons with whom we simply come in touch for a few days but often



BULFINCH-PLACE CHURCH.

serve very materially—as for example certain applicants for charitable aid or for the professional services of the minister. Neither does it include the children of the summer playroom of whom there were last year about 150.

The number of special services attended during the year, April to April, has been as follows: Funerals, 36; weddings, 16. The number of calls made by the minister and his two assistants cannot be given from actual records but are estimated at between three and four thousand.

2. In reply to the second question as to who these people are, their residences and social condition, I can only speak in general terms. They are, with scarcely any exceptions, Americans. Many of them are the children or grandchildren of those who belonged to the Chapel years ago. Most of these reside in the suburbs, keeping up their connection with the Chapel because of their friendship and interest in the work. It is from among these that our best workers are drawn and upon these we depend chiefly for financial aid. They constitute the more prosperous part of our congregation.

It is impossible, however, to draw geographical lines. There are some who live in the city who would answer to the above description and a number who live out of the city who would not. Only in a general way can we describe those who live in the outlying districts as the older and more prosperous families, and those in the city proper as the newer and less prosperous. We do all we can to erase such lines of distinction as “richer and poorer” and we succeed well in our efforts. To the success of such a Church as ours, where all sorts and conditions of men are to be welcomed, it is essential that there should be a considerable body of those who are well educated and at least moderately successful. It is equally important that there should be many to whom life is a struggle and who sometimes need the helping hand. But it is even more essential that there should be no lines of conscious division between the two. There are no such lines with us, partly because the differences after all are not great—even the more prosperous being in very moderate circumstances, and even the poorest having self-respect.

3. Now what do these people contribute toward the support of the Church? It is a pleasure to answer this question.

The annual contribution of money, collected by the envelope system, amounts to \$750, and pays for coal, gas, organist, music, inside repairs, and more than half of the sexton's salary. Every other year the Women's Alliance has held a fair and out of its proceeds has done many helpful things for the Church as well as for the Unitarian cause outside. Altogether, the Alliance has raised, since it was organized in 1895, \$1700, and of this nearly one half has been given toward our own church improvements and expenses. At other times within the past few years, sums amounting to \$150 have been raised for renovating the Sunday School rooms and halls.

This does not include certain special gifts from outsiders with which new chandeliers for the parlors, china, dumb waiter, etc., were purchased. Neither does it take into account the smaller sums raised every year by the Lend-a-Hand and other clubs for the Flower Mission work (\$10), Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts, and the special work of the clubs themselves. At Christmas about \$100 is raised by the teachers for the Christmas Festival, and the Sunday School contributes in the course of the year about \$40 to the Children's Mission.

In addition to this financial aid, our people give generously of their time and strength. Of the 30 Sunday School officers and teachers, 22, not including the minister and his assistants, are from our own number. For the volunteer choir, church officers and committees, Guild, Women's Alliance and entertainment workers, we depend of course upon our own people. It is the policy of the ministers to enlist everyone as quickly as possible in some part of the Church work and to make them in some degree responsible for its ministry of service.

4. Finally, if it is asked what methods we have been employing to meet the needs of the people or to increase their numbers, we make answer as in previous reports: First, the regular services of the Church and Sunday School and the Winkley Guild.

Second, the Women's Alliance, the Eliot Circle, the Thursday evening religious meetings, and the various clubs for men, women, boys and girls.

Third, socials and entertainments, including the Harvest and Christmas Festivals, the Old Ladies' Party, the New Year's Reception, the Alliance Fair (biennial), and Anniversary Week Hospitality, the Guild Rally and various club anniversaries.

Fourth, the Summer Playroom (July and August), the Flower and Fruit Mission (June to October), Summer Outings for children and adults, for which special funds are available.

Fifth, friendly visiting and the benevolent work of a ministry-at-large, for which the Tuckerman Circle supplies most of the money.

If it is asked, "why do you not do more institutional work, as industrial classes, popular lectures, etc.?" the answer is, lack of funds and the proper equipment for such work; but also the strong feeling that the chief need of our neighborhood is that of a social and religious ministry.

To this latter service we have devoted ourselves. Had we the parish house or modern church we dream of, and the necessary funds, much more of the other kind of work might be undertaken.

I cannot close without emphasizing the fact that we *are* reaching the people to whom the ministry-at-large is a blessing—the lonely, the unfortunate, the unhappy, especially those, young or old, who need a wise word of counsel and a helping hand—given not as charity, but as an act of pure friendship.

The time has arrived, in the judgment of the minister at least, when a forward movement must be inaugurated, to assure the success of the Bulfinch Place Church for the next twenty or thirty years. Precisely the direction of this movement is the problem. It must be carefully worked out. It may mean a new church in a more open and attractive situation, with a parish house equipped for social service along modern lines. It certainly means the expenditure of a larger sum of money to make the services and other activities of the Church more attractive.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



PARKER MEMORIAL.

In charge REV. CHARLES W. WENDTE, 11 Appleton Street.

Assistants, MISS ANNE JENNISON, HOWARD B. BURLINGAME, F. W. WOODELL,
WEBB C. MAGLATHLIN.

The future of the Parker Memorial, a problem which for some time had exercised the minds of the officers and delegates of the Benevolent Fraternity, was eventually, and it is to be hoped happily, decided in the spring of 1901. As the result of careful conference it was resolved to entirely renovate and in part reconstruct the building, thus fitting it for larger usefulness; to resume as soon as possible Sunday and week-day activities in all departments, to place them under competent leadership, and by a sufficient grant of money, extending over a minimum term of three years, to assure the adequate support and continuity of the enterprise.

It was also decided to remove the Fraternity's office from its somewhat hidden and cramped quarters in the Unitarian Building on Beacon Street to the Parker Memorial, where public attention could more easily be called to its existence and work.

Rev. Charles W. Wendte was invited to become the minister-at-large and superintendent of the Parker Memorial, and to act also as corresponding secretary and representative of the Benevolent Fraternity, with office hours from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

RENOVATION.

With the arrival of the new leader on August 1st, 1901, the work of renovation was begun in earnest. New electric lighting in the halls and gymnasium, new plumbing and roofing, new opera chairs, new platforms, stairways and choir-gallery, new storm-doors, cellar-gratings, book-racks, signs and carpets, etc., were added. The three parlors were reconstructed so as to be thrown together into one commodious apartment for social purposes when required. In these and other ways, and at an expense of over \$4000, the building was altered with remarkable advantage to its appearance and usefulness. It was therefore with pride and thankfulness that on Sunday evening, October 6th, the repairs having been completed, the entire edifice was thrown open to the inspection of friends and the general public.

AIMS AND METHODS.

The first question to be solved by the new administration was the nature of the constituency which was to be sought after and the lines of work to be undertaken.

For some years the institution had been devoted mainly to child-work, finding its constituency almost exclusively among the Jewish population of the neighborhood. As these children were already amply provided for by the public schools and various philanthropies in the district, such as Hale House, Lincoln House, etc., planned and equipped especially for their need, it was thought wisest not to attempt any longer to duplicate or compete with these agencies, but to lay the emphasis of endeavor on the adult population, and especially the young men and women, who occupy the lodging houses and homes of the district. Occupied all day as clerks, apprentices, salesmen, seamstresses, etc., with small incomes, little leisure, and few personal and social resources, it was hoped that the Parker Memorial might become to such a congenial place of resort, with social, educational, recreative and

religious opportunities of which many of these young people would be glad to avail themselves. In pursuance with this purpose the Parker Memorial has been kept open every week-day from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., with one or more of the staff in attendance. The commodious parlors, comfortably and handsomely furnished, provided with books, papers and games, brilliantly lighted every evening, have extended their welcome to all who might come. Everybody was to be made to feel that the new departure was a permanent one, and that we were in this work because we believed in it and loved it.

RESULTS AND PROSPECTS.

In this respect we have been measureably successful. A great many people have attended our meetings and social occasions. Latterly we have estimated that at least eleven or twelve hundred was the weekly attendance on Parker Memorial gatherings, with perhaps six or seven hundred more at the meetings of the various friendly organizations to whom we have granted the use of our auditoriums. The general social use of our parlors has not been as extended as we hoped, though not a few have found them a home-like evening resort. It is evident that to attract young people, something more is needed than a handsome room and a kind welcome. They must be interested and occupied after they enter it, and if they have not resources within themselves to make the time pass pleasantly and profitably, others with larger endowment must direct their play and study. Realizing this, we have set on foot various undertakings, a Young People's Club in particular, with gratifying results.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

The Sunday evening services consist of chorus and congregational song, a brief response and service, prayer and scripture reading, a collection, and a sermon or lecture by the minister. At the beginning both minister and congregation were almost entirely strangers to each other. There was no nucleus of membership existing around which new additions could be gathered. It was all an experiment, the more difficult on account of previous failures. We do not claim to have been very successful, either in point of attendance or in the impression made. Many who came

were not interested sufficiently to come again. The rivalry offered by other attractive church services at the South End, even though it be a legitimate and generous competition, tends to reduce the size of our audiences. By indulging in more sensational methods, a larger number of hearers might be attracted, but we cannot do this without losing our self-respect, offending the better elements of our congregation, and, as we firmly believe, harming both the spirits of our hearers and the permanent interests of our movement. There is something vulgar and irreligious in this appeal to numbers as the touchstone of church success. Therefore our chief concern has been concerning the quality of our work. The quantity of it must be largely a matter of time and continuous endeavor.

We are glad to note that there has already been gathered during the past seven months a nucleus of interested and faithful ones who are present at nearly every service and social occasion. They are increasingly ready to render such help as may be required of them. It will be our aim to confirm such loyalty, and seek to organize it into brotherly and sisterly relationships. The minister's discourses, delivered with or without notes, have been on fundamental theological and practical topics. Seven lectures, copiously illustrated with the stereopticon, were given. Five of them were on "Art in the Service of Religion," viz.:

1. The Religion and Monuments of Egypt.
2. The Shrines and Statues of Greece.
3. Early Christian Art from the Catacombs to the Cathedrals.
4. Romanesque and Gothic Architecture.
5. The Great Revival; Michael Angelo, Raphael and their Contemporaries.

The festivals of Christmas and Easter were observed with special exercises, the chorus being augmented with soloists and a small orchestra. Much religious literature has been distributed. The publication of an occasional sermon has been begun under the general title of the Parker Memorial Pulpit.

A unique feature of our Sunday work has been the social reunion in the parlors which latterly has been held after every service. The handsome and brilliantly lighted rooms have been filled, not infrequently crowded. Sometimes a brief address has been made by the minister, conversation encouraged, musical selections

rendered, or a cup of cocoa or tea tendered to the company.

The educational work of the year has been varied and valuable. Beginning November 20th a weekly lecture, concert, or other entertainment has been given in Fraternity Hall. Season tickets were issued to all who applied. The attendance has been gratifyingly large, except on one stormy night, never less than 100, and for the past four months ranging from 250 to 350 persons.

CLASSES.

Regular evening classes have been maintained during the past season as follows :

Millinery, 28 pupils in 2 classes; teachers, Misses Anna E. Groves and Adelia A. Wiggin.

Dressmaking, 27 pupils in 2 classes; teacher, Mrs. E. J. Ellis.

Wood Carving and Modelling, 8 pupils in class; teacher, George W. Nolan.

Gymnastics for Young Women, 26 in class; teacher, Miss Elizabeth E. Tyler.

Chorus choir meets Friday evenings.

READING ROOM.

Under the head of education should be noted one of the most important achievements of the year, the institution of a Reading Room and Branch of the Free Public Library of the city of Boston in our building. For some years this had been desired. Our warm thanks are due to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches which generously agreed to forego the rental of the west store in the Parker Memorial Building, and to bear the expense, over \$500, of fitting it for public uses. The Parker Memorial has also loaned the Library over 500 books, and has secured a number of periodicals and newspapers for the new reading room, which was opened March 31st, 1902.

SOCIAL OCCASIONS.

Two social occasions of great interest in our year's work were the reception to Rev. Edward A. Horton, and that to the lady vice-presidents of the Theodore Parker Fraternity.

The reception to Mr. Horton on December 5th was tendered by the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in recognition of his

twenty-one years of service as delegate, president and executive secretary of that organization. It was held in the parlors and lower hall, and was an exceedingly brilliant and happy affair. Addresses were made by Gen. W. W. Blackmar and Revs. Thomas Van Ness, C. W. Wendte, and the guest of the evening.

The reception to Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney, Julia Ward Howe and Mary A. Livermore, the honorary lady vice-presidents of the Theodore Parker Fraternity, was also held in the parlors and lower hall, and again a large and brilliant company was in attendance. The reception committee consisted of Mrs. Edwin D. Mead, Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, Mrs. P. R. Frothingham, Mrs. Charles W. Wendte, Mrs. Christopher Eliot, and Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells. Committees of the Parker Memorial attended to the elaborate decoration of the rooms with flags and greens and served refreshments.

On Thanksgiving Day the annual dinner was held in the gymnasium. About 65 persons, mostly connected with the Parker Memorial, were served by a committee of ladies and gentlemen from the South Congregational, Church of the Disciples, and the Second Church, under the able superintendence of Miss Flora M. Whipple. The President's Proclamation was read, addresses made by Revs. Van Ness, Cummings, Wendte and others, the story of the Pilgrims retold by Mr. Burlingame, and songs of Auld Lang Syne sung to the accompaniment of an orchestra of young people, under Mr. Woodell's leadership. Some fifteen families were also remembered in the distribution of good things. Our grateful returns should be made to the Unitarian churches at Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Brewster, Brookfield, Canton, Concord, Danvers, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Northboro, Randolph and Sandwich, who sent us supplies and money for this festival.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES.

The Mothers' Club, organized by Miss Alice L. Higgins in 1894, has had a successful year under the guidance of Miss Flora M. Whipple and Miss Jenison. It has a membership of 33, with an average weekly attendance of 19. The mothers come to the parlors every Tuesday evening "to have a good time," some of them having no other outing during the week than this. Light refreshment is always served, and friends from the churches and else-

where gladly give their best in music and reading to entertain them. The members of the club themselves often take part. Arlington Street Church provided a series of interesting talks on domestic hygiene, etc., by an expert. There has been a christening and a New Year's party, rollicking games and even dancing have been engaged in, where the mothers became children again. The membership comprises various nationalities and persons of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faith.

The formation of a Boys' Club was taken in hand by Mr. Burlingame in January last, and met with a quick response on the part of the youth of the neighborhood. The number admitted speedily ran up to 68 and proved beyond our capacity to handle in a satisfactory manner. A teacher in gymnastics from the Y. M. C. U. was engaged to instruct them in athletics, every Saturday afternoon the warm shower baths were in requisition, a library of books and a reading room, with nineteen juvenile magazines and papers were at their disposal, besides many games. The rooms were open to them four afternoons in the week after school hours and two evenings till 8.30 o'clock. Once a month an illustrated talk or other entertainment was given them, ending with a feast of ice cream and cake. A musical play, written for them, was rehearsed and given by some twenty of their number, and about \$25 thereby cleared. It is a characteristic of this club that it consists entirely of youth of American parentage. Their ages range from 8 to 14.

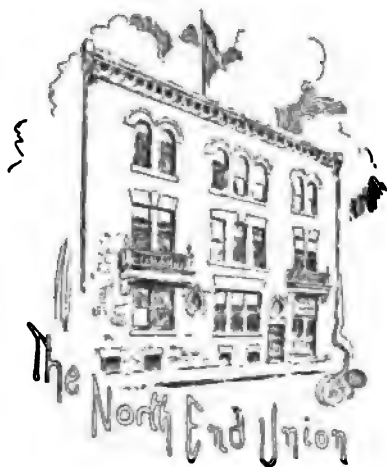
The latest born child of the Parker Memorial is its Young People's Club, organized on February 17. It is an attempt to coördinate both sexes in a society for social enjoyment and self-improvement. It has sections for social recreation, music and the drama; photography and art; philanthropy and intellectual and moral culture. At some of its meetings addresses and lectures have been given, while on other evenings there have been whist, music, sociability, dancing, etc. Some thirty young people have joined the club.

HOSPITALITIES.

As usual the building has been in large use by affiliated societies and philanthropies to whom we have granted without remun-

eration the use of its various rooms. Among those who have enjoyed our hospitality are the Parker Memorial Science Class; Sphinx Club; Martha and Mary Club; Boston Flower and Fruit Mission; Boston Public Library; Kindergarten Training School; Eastern Kindergarten Association; Mass. Association of Working Girls' Clubs; South End House; Hale House; Dorothea Dix House; Conference about Boys; William Wells Brown Testimonial Committee; Molinero School; Free Religious Association.

We look back upon the year with encouragement. Conscious of many failures we yet note an advance in nearly every department, hence we have new heart to go on in faith and hope, and the prayer that the coming months may bring us new opportunities for service, and strength equal to our opportunity.



NORTH END UNION.

In charge SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, 20 Parmenter Street.

Assistants, MISS FLORENCE N. BARKER, HORACE L. CHANNELL.

The question is sometimes asked, "Do you see that you are doing any good in the work of the North End Union?"

It is a fair question but the answer is not so readily give , if it is to be supported by evidence. One wonders what would be the replies if this same question were put to the clergy of Boston. How far would they be able to show by conclusive evidence that the moral and civic life of the community is better, by so much, because of their efforts?

It is, in fact, impossible to give definite statements, as to the value of the work of the North End Union, which aims to be preventive rather than reformative. The character of the work will appear by consulting the full list of classes, clubs, and other activities of the Union given at the close of this Report.

One of the objects of the Union, as stated ten years ago, was to make "a social home for young men." The Union has two classes of membership, a junior, for boys from 13 to 15 years of age, and a senior membership for those of 15 years of age and upwards.

The common meeting room for all members is the "office and game-room" which is about fifteen feet square. In this room the boy element is most in evidence. Two boys cannot occupy the same chair, which is about the proportion of attendance to accommodations, with any degree of comfort—to the one in charge. The surplus strays into the library adjoining, not with the immediate purpose of reading, but as a relief from the congestion, and the rule, "No talking in the library," is reversed. This shifting, restless group does not provide the atmosphere which the same class of boys desire when they are grown older and have reached the age of young men.

It has been one of the constant regrets of the Union that it has not been able to retain, in any numbers, its members much beyond their seventeenth year, a time when direction and help would be of most service. The reason of this dropping off is not far to seek. The young man has little or nothing in common with the boy. He is beginning to see the world in its larger aspects and to realize that he is a part of it.

If he is to be retained in the Union he must have a place where the boy is not admitted, and opportunities must be provided in keeping with his desires. These facilities cannot be obtained except at a large expenditure of money. The attention of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches is not called to this imperative need with the expectation of immediate relief, but with the hope that ways and means may, in time, be devised of accomplishing results so much to be desired.

MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

Miss Barker, through her work with the children, has come into most natural relations with their home life, and, in consequence, has learned much of the difficulties and hardships of many of the parents. With her warm, generous impulses, tempered by wisdom born of experience, she is able, through suggestions and sometimes through material assistance, to lift the clouds that have dropped upon them and allow the sunshine of hope to shine once more. Our sincere thanks are due to the Tuckerman Circle for their generous contributions which provide the means essential to this work.

TRADE SCHOOLS.

Although the Fraternity is not called upon to bear any part of the expenses of the two trade schools of the Union, and though these schools are considered as incidental to the main work of the Union nevertheless they are of great importance. These trade schools are the larger expression of the various minor industrial classes maintained.

They serve to provide that object lesson to the community which is essential to the general acceptance of the belief that trade training is just as necessary as professional training.

That the opportunity afforded by the Plumbing School is appreciated is evidenced by the fact that two of the pupils were obliged to travel fifty miles and one more than sixty miles every evening they attended school. This appreciation is shared by the other pupils who, with one exception, lived several miles away from the North End. The close application which the school demands and the heroic efforts made to get what the school offers are as truly educational as the academic work of colleges.

The recognition of the educational value of manual training has been rapidly growing.

President Henry S. Pritchett, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in one of his lectures,* gave his unqualified endorsement of the necessity of including industrial training in any general scheme of education.

The School of Printing promises to lend itself to a more thorough working out of methods of industrial instruction, because of the earnest thought which its board of supervisors, all practical men, are giving to it, and the real interest shown by employers who have boys in the school.

BASKET MAKING.

A class in basket making, such as waste baskets, hampers, wood baskets, etc., was opened this year under the direction of a practical workman. The opportunity which the class offered was eagerly sought and it was easy to maintain a high average of attendance because of the interest in the work.

CLUBS.

The success of club work largely depends upon the supervisor. It is useless to expect that clubs can ever achieve much under

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their own direction. They, like all other organizations, require a leader. One club was broken up for the want of such a leader, and another suffered from the continued absence of its supervisor on account of illness. The other clubs have been doing good work.

KITCHENGARDEN.

At the opening of the Kitchengarden class last fall the girls who were pupils the previous year presented themselves with the expectation of continuing their work, but it was thought fairer, in view of the claims of other new applicants, to allow the old pupils, after some review work, to graduate and yield their places to others. A diploma or certificate of attendance was given them. Subsequently two classes, of an hour each, were formed from new pupils.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS.

This class has been unusually large this year having 190 on the roll and an average attendance of over 150. A competent head instructor, with salary, has been employed. Miss Barnes, Miss Curtis, Miss Blake and Miss Bibbey had general charge, as in previous years, assisted by twenty volunteer teachers.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.

Ten illustrated lectures, beginning December 7, have been given. The value of the course is indicated by the speakers and subjects: "Evolution of the Electric Light," J. C. Packard; "A Glimpse of Porto Rico," Leonard Metcalf; "Yellowstone Park," Arthur K. Peck; "Picturesque England," Rev. C. W. Wendte; "Hawaii: Its Scenery and People," Prof. George H. Barton; "Storm Warriors of the U. S. Life Saving Service," Lieut. Worth G. Ross; "Great Little Holland," Albert E. Fowler; "In the Woods with an Indian," Wm. L. Underwood; "Some Important Buildings (and incidents) in European Capitals," Rev. Thomas Van Ness; "The Rhineland: From the Alps to the Sea," J. Frederick Hopkins.

DRESSMAKING.

The several dressmaking classes have been large and the instruction has been given by paid teachers. The practice of buying

materials for the pupils and allowing them to pay on installments has been continued, a favor much appreciated.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

An acknowledgment is made, with sincere thanks, to the many friends who, through their earnest efforts, have contributed so largely to the work of the Union.

The North End Union has suffered this year a severe loss in the death of Mr. James W. Tufts, which occurred at Pinehurst, N. C., February 2, 1902. Mr. Tufts was made a Director of the Union April 2, 1893.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Directors of the Union:

"In the death of Mr. James W. Tufts the North End Union suffers a severe loss. He was at all times, for many years, its loyal friend, active supporter and generous benefactor."

"Mr. Tufts was a Director of the Union who brought to its consultations an unselfish purpose. His aim was two-fold, the enrichment of its working equipment, and the increase of the coöperative spirit on the part of its members."

"He was liberal, yet wise; earnest, but thoughtful; broad, though at the same time concentrated. His plans had a comprehensiveness which carried their outlook and effects over long lines. Through his personal efforts the North End Union building was reconstructed in 1894, and through his generous contributions of money, and what was better, the giving of himself, he made possible the several trade schools of the Union."

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

CHANNING CHURCH.



CHANNING CHURCH.

Cottage Street, near Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.

In charge REV. HENRY HALLAM SAUNDERSON, 6 Thacher Road, Dorchester.

To the Executive Committee of the Benovolent Fraternity of Churches:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure I make the second annual report.

During the year we have seen many of our cherished plans accomplished and some things which seemed far off have been already realized.

We have had a year of organization and on the pattern of the four great lines on which Unitarian churches are formed, our organization has been given shape.

1st. The Parish.

2d. The Women's Alliance.

3d. The Young People's Religious Union.

4th. The Sunday School.

THE PARISH. During the year 1900-01, when the congregation was first gathered, some workers were given definite things to do, thus was formed the first working body. Last October a covenant was adopted, the famous Scrooby Covenant, copied for us by Edward Everett Hale. It is a pledge of faithful coöperation in the work we are doing: "As the Lord's free people we unite ourselves into a church estate, in the fellowship of the gospel, to walk in all His ways made known or to be made known to us, according to our best endeavors." To this covenant a number of names have been signed and new names are being added. At the annual meeting in April there was a good attendance, the reports of the past year and the plans for the coming year were discussed with enthusiasm. The election of officers and parish committee was held, and the parish voted unanimously to undertake to raise one thousand dollars for general expenses during the coming year. By contributions for these two years to the American Unitarian Association, this church comes into membership in the association.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE. Organized in October the Alliance has had a successful winter of work. It is a regularly constituted branch of the National Alliance. By its organization it is adapted

to the management of all activities of the women of the church, whether literary, social or religious. It gave a parish reception in November, gave largely to the Christmas celebration for the children of the parish, and managed a decidedly successful fair.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION. The young people are a potent factor in the church life. They work in the Sunday School, take part in the serving of the monthly suppers of the Alliance, and in the giving of other entertainments, and help in many other ways. Their activities have now taken form in their own organization, and they will come immediately into membership in the National Young People's Religious Union.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Wise men said, when the plans were drawn for the building, and a Sunday School room was provided, that if in five years the school membership should reach one hundred, it would be a great success. The school has already gone beyond that mark, and has had to be divided. But the division was turned from a disadvantage to an opportunity by seizing it as the time for the establishment of a kindergarten class under a thoroughly competent teacher. The whole primary department was removed to the basement and has its own opening exercises, and its class work, with four teachers. There are over forty members in that department. In addition, the intermediate and advanced departments (meeting separately from the primary) have nearly a hundred additional members. The Sunday School is a member of the national Unitarian Sunday School Society.

A few words now about some local features. The Channing chorus meets every Monday evening for instruction in singing, with a competent director. A small fee is paid by the members. Already it has raised the standard of congregational singing in the morning church service, and it has been a decided help in the Sunday School. The Channing League is a men's Unitarian Club which aims, by occasional suppers together, to promote co-operation and sociability among the men.

There are four occasions which deserve special emphasis: the Flower service in June, the anniversary of the gathering of the congregation the first Sunday in October, the Christmas service, and the Easter service. At these meetings the Sunday School

joined with the congregation. The church has been crowded on each of these Sundays.

In conclusion it should be said that the whole church life centers around the Sunday morning service. Congregations have been good, and the spirit of sociability has increased. The church has been the cause of many happy friendships. The Sunday morning service promotes comradeship and neighborliness. Even the very words that are made prominent suggest the spirit of "all together." Notice how the words Covenant, Alliante, Union, League, all emphasize the spirit of coöperation and good will. This is the dominant note. With so strong a body of people working together with unanimity for one common cause, large things will surely be accomplished.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY HALLAM SAUNDERSON.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street.

In charge REV. EDGAR J. HELMS.

Assistants, REV. J. L. CORLEY, REV. C. W. SIMPSON, MISS EDNA C. BROWN,
MISS ELIZABETH S. EMMONS, MISS MARY FAGAN, MISS MAUD A. WRIGHT.

To the Executive Committee:

It was in Barnard Memorial that the society was first formed which erected the buildings long occupied as the Morgan Chapel. During the past year our work has received the generous hospitality of this veteran children's church on Sundays while the new edifice has been building.

The day and evening work of our chapel was carried on in four different places. Naturally this scattered condition caused confusion and impaired the effectiveness of the various classes.

During the summer a large number of children were cared for on the farm in Hopkinton, the use of which was donated to our fresh-air work.

From our club house, 9 Wheeler Street, we have held open air services of song and preaching. Thousands listened attentively. In this way we preached to larger congregations than were gathered in any church in the city. The results were good. Some have stopped drink and are today living sober Christian lives who by means of these services were reached and influenced for good.

Thousands of colored people have moved into the vicinity of Morgan Chapel in recent years. We recognize no color line in Sunday School or public religious services. We have allowed, however, our colored people to organize a Colored Men's Club and a Colored Women's Club in our church. The object of these organizations is to more effectively reach their own people. A good work has been done.

Owing to the ill health of Miss Fagan, our superintendent, and the difficulty of finding a suitable place near by for its work our Day Nursery suspended its work during the winter months.

The temperance work and the music school kept together surprisingly well under the cramped conditions of our hired rooms.

Most of our coöperative work and many of our clubs had to suspend during rebuilding, having no places to meet.



MORGAN MEMORIAL



MEN'S SPA AND AMUSEMENT ROOM.

SUPPLEMENT.

November 1st.

During the past summer we sent a score of very needy children to a farm near Exeter, N. H. We were able to provide shorter vacations for several others, also a large number of picnic parties among our people. Two of our picnic parties numbered over 300 each.

We moved into our new building on June 8th. We have since been getting it into a completed condition for work. We have now nearly all our departments organized. This has involved an immense amount of the hardest work during the months when other churches are closed, but we have been more than repaid by the flourishing condition in which we find the work today. The following summary will indicate what is going on:

EVERY WEEK DAY.

The Day Nursery opens at seven o'clock and closes about six. The children are brought from homes where the parents must go away to earn a livelihood or where there is sickness or distress that warrants us taking care of the babies for the day. The average attendance the last year was 26. After dinner the children are given naps in the nicest of cribs. The cribs are the gift of the Newtonville M. E. young people.

The Kindergarten opens at nine o'clock. These children cannot attend the public kindergartens, or they have been overlooked or not desired by them. Our kindergarten opens a few weeks after the public kindergartens and we gather them in. It is ably conducted and marvelous results come from the material dealt with. It is a mission of love on the part of Miss M. A. Wright, the devoted superintendent.

The Coöperative Stores and Industries open at nine o'clock and continue till five.

Clothing. In one store, 27A Corning Street, new and second hand garments for men, women, and children are made, repaired and offered for sale. The money received from sales usually pays for the labor, materials and expenses. A note from a missionary who is conversant with the needs of the purchaser will insure the most destitute of a needed article quicker than one who may be

able to pay the first price put upon the garment. The garments are often bought by the persons who make or repair them.

Printing. In 27A Corning Street is our printing plant. It not only does work for the institution and outside orders every week day, but it teaches printing to a class in our Industrial School on Saturday.

Cobbling. In 27 Corning Street is our cobbling department, which repairs shoes sent to us and for the general public. It teaches cobbling for the Industrial School. We are hoping some one will furnish us the capital to put in a small stock of new shoes.

Employment Bureau. In 87 Shawmut Avenue our Employment Bureau performs two kinds of service. 1. It brings together the employer and employee for housework, office or day's work. 2. It furnishes a limited amount of work to those specially recommended as in need, at wood-sawing, cleaning, etc., either in the building or outside. The Bureau is open every day between two and three o'clock to make such adjustments as are needed.

Anticipated Departments. Just as soon as we find the right persons to manage them and the necessary capital we intend to open a shop for furniture repairing, upholstery and paper hanging, a real estate and loan office, grocery, etc., which shall be conducted for the mutual profit of all those who patronize them. The success along the lines we have been working several years warrants us to launch out into the other lines indicated whenever the philanthropic person comes forward to help us. A few hundred dollars invested this way would reap a large return for God and humanity.

Industrial School. Saturday morning the Industrial School for boys and girls is in session. There are classes for girls in various grades of sewing. When a girl finishes the entire course she will have made her entire wardrobe. The boys are employed in cardboard work, in basket weaving, printing, cobbling and sloyd.

WEEK NIGHTS.

The Men's Spa and Amusement Room is open every week night from 7.30 to 11 o'clock. At the bar temperance drinks and food are kept on sale, Good reading matter is at hand and many

games available. It is our purpose to make it a more attractive place than the saloon for self-respecting men. In halls adjacent they can attend temperance meetings, religious gatherings, socials and entertainments if they desire.

On Monday evening the Young Men's Excelsior Brotherhood has its open or secret meetings; the Helping Hand Club, composed of colored men, meets for the special purpose of helping the colored people; the Junior League of boys meets at the church; also the Ready Hand Circle of King's Daughters.

On Tuesday evening there are two religious class meetings for adults; also two clubs composed of girls from 12 to 16 years old, for physical culture.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings separate amusement and reading rooms are open for girls and boys.

On Wednesday evenings, socials and entertainments are held; also the girls from 6 to 12 years have two club meetings similar to those of the older girls on Tuesday night.

On Thursday evening is first held a Sunday School teachers' tea and conference, followed, weather permitting, by an open air religious meeting, after which there is a prayer meeting for adults in the church. Two clubs of boys from 12 to 16 also meet for gymnastics, etc.

On Friday afternoon and evening the School of Music has classes in voice culture, piano, organ, violin, guitar, banjo, mandolin, cornet, etc. The church choirs also have their rehearsals. Two clubs of boys from 6 to 12 years practice gymnastics; and the Women's Home Culture Circle, a federation of the women's work, has its meetings.

On Saturday evening the Total Abstinence Guild, composed largely of reformed men and women, arranges for a concert and follows the same with a rousing temperance meeting.

SUNDAY.

On Sunday at 9.45 is held a prayer service; 10.30, the Sunday School; 11.30, morning worship—the children's church in the vestry, the adults in the auditorium; at 2.45 friends gather to be divided into bands to visit the sick and infirm; 6.30, Epworth League; 7.30, evening worship.

To all public meetings at Morgan Memorial every seat is free. No distinctions are made as to clothes, color, cash or character. All who behave themselves are heartily welcome.

A few closing words in reference to financial support :

Morgan Memorial is almost entirely dependent for its running expenses upon the annual appropriation made by the Fraternity (\$2500 for the year 1902-3) and a duplicate amount voted by the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The balance is made up from the contributions of the people who attend and a few outside friends. The new building has brought with it a need for a much larger sum than is now received. So large and varied a plant requires seats, chairs, tables, books, almost everything which goes to make such a building useful and convenient.

At the present time we could be helped by individual givers who would select some one thing in the Kindergarten, Gymnasium, Day Nursery, or Children's Church, which is needed, and give that as a Christmas or New Year's gift. Above all other things a good pipe organ is needed in the main auditorium. It would be a most worthy act, and one which would be greatly appreciated by the workers of the Morgan Memorial if such an organ could be presented to the Fraternity within this first year. Will not some one reading these lines be the generous donor?

EDGAR J. HELMS.

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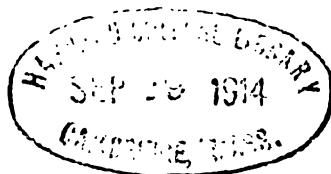
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Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.

History, Aims and Methods.

DR. JOSEPH TUCKERMAN began his labors as a minister-at-large in Boston, in 1826. He was at first supported by individual contributions. In 1827, his work was taken in charge by the **AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION**, and regular reports were made to that body. It was found desirable to place this growing work on a different basis, and the Association transferred its supervision to what is now known as the **BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES**, which has carried on the enterprise ever since. This body was founded in 1834 by delegates from the Unitarian churches of Boston and incorporated in 1839. Today it represents the distinct organized work of the Unitarian denomination in Boston, through the several channels of philanthropy, education, worship, and free church privileges. It aims in every true sense to be a Ministry-at-Large. The churches representing the "Fraternity" are situated at widely contrasted localities in the city. In each case the plan is carried out of fitting the activities to that particular region.

A summary of the different methods employed in carrying out its plans would contain nearly everything that comes within the scope of Christian civilization. The Fraternity carries on industrial training, free lecture courses, gymnasiums, reading rooms, clubs and classes, and all modern helps to good citizenship. On the other hand, it maintains preaching, Sunday Schools, pastoral relations with the sick and poor, and whatsoever belongs to a living Christian church. It is the "Fraternity's" province to care for the churchless whether rich or poor; and it seeks to provide facilities for the people who are either indifferent to church life and work or have become alienated. In other words it seeks by a flexible and all-around manner to be the Ministry-at-Large of the Unitarian

churches of Boston. The means for this wide and varied work are provided by funds which have been steadily growing through bequests since the "Fraternity's" origin, and also by annual donations from most of the Unitarian churches in the city of Boston. The conduct of its affairs has been so discreet in the past that it has won confidence from all sources. Although under the auspices of the Unitarian churches, it is unsectarian, and aims to instil those truths which lead to character, and to spread those influences that tend to create self-respect, self-support, and genuine religious faith. Some of our best known leaders in religious and moral movements have been associated with this organization, such as Channing, Gannett, Henry Ware, Parkman, Barrett, S. K. Lothrop, Robbins, Starr King, J. F. W. Ware, Henry P. Kidder, Charles Faulkner and Rufus Ellis. Recognizing the claims and opportunities of modern life in a city like Boston, the "Fraternity" while it wishes to preserve all the merits of the past ways of carrying on missionary work, desires at the same time to add thereto new methods and enlarged plans.

Delegate Meetings and Committees.

The Annual Meeting of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches is on the first Sunday in May, at which time the officers for the year are chosen. The contributions of branches should be paid before the first day of May, when the financial year begins. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

The delegates of the churches represented in the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches are divided into Committees, serving two months. Each Committee, during its time, visits the various Chapels and Sunday Schools. A list of the delegates will be found in the Appendix.



Joseph Tuckermán .

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED MAY 3, 1903.

To the Delegates of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, Boston:

It has been said that it is the condition of their poor that determines the morality of a people. What they are intellectually and materially, you may estimate from an examination of the highest placed and most luxurious classes, but what they are as Christians, as brethren of men and children of one great Father, is to be seen in what those who live by the people and wield the influences of society suffer the people morally and spiritually to be. The responsibility in this matter rests with the wealthy, the educated and influential members of the social body.

IDEALS AND AIMS.

It was the perception of this truth, the profound conviction of their personal duty towards the poor and neglected classes in our city which, three quarters of a century ago, led Dr. Tuckerman, Dr. Channing, and their associates to the foundation of the Ministry-at-Large, and the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches which was organized to sustain it. In the presence of the terrible problems of poverty, ignorance and strife produced by our present unjust and unequal distribution of the privileges of life they saw clearly the need for a system of cordial, respectful and brotherly coöperation. They sought to awaken in the wealthy and cultured of their day a deep concern, a sense of moral responsibility for their less favored brethren. Dr. Channing, writing to Dr. Tuckerman on this subject, said: "The signs of the times point to a great modification of society founded on the essential truth that the chief end of the social state is the elevation of all its members as intelligent and moral beings. The present selfish, dissocial system must give way to Christianity. The time is come when religious bodies will be estimated by the good they do."

In this spirit Dr. Channing asks further, "whether it may not be made the leading trait of a Unitarian, that he is a man who sympathizes with and respects the less favored classes of society, and that he is pledged to use all his powers for their elevation."

REV. DR. JOSEPH TUCKERMAN.

Such were the motives which led to the formation of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in Boston. In its first missionary, Dr. Joseph Tuckerman, Channing's classmate and intimate personal friend, it possessed a worthy exponent of its aims.

Although no longer young and always in delicate health he gladly surrendered his comfortable settlement over a suburban parish, and entered with zeal upon his new mission to visit from house to house in the poorest and most repulsive quarters of the city, and to battle daily with dirt, squalor, disease, wretchedness and sin; preaching the gospel to the poor, healing the broken-hearted, and setting at liberty them that were bruised.

Dr. Channing, in his eulogy on Dr. Tuckerman, tells us: "So deep was the sympathy, so intense the interest which the poor excited in him that it seemed as if a new fountain of love had been opened within him. No favorite of fortune could have repaired to a palace where the rays of royal favor were to be centered on him, with a more eager spirit and quicker step than our friend hastened to the abodes of want in the darkest alleys of our city."

Nor were his zeal and devotion to his needy brethren unattended with discretion. It is a remarkable tribute to the breadth of sympathy and insight into social conditions which distinguished Dr. Tuckerman that he should so largely have anticipated the principles and methods of modern and scientific charity. A competent and careful student of Dr. Tuckerman's writings, Rev. Dr. Francis G. Peabody, tells us that "he anticipated in the most extraordinary degree all the principles of modern scientific charity. He discussed all the problems which are now confronting the modern world and offered wise and prophetic answers to them. In 1840, when he died, only eight per cent. of the population of the United States lived in cities. Yet Dr. Tuckerman observed that the problem of the future would be the problem of the city, and that the hope of the future would be met in the redeeming of the city."

More than sixty years have passed since this great and good man, his frail body worn out by self-sacrificing labors for the poor and unfortunate, laid down his ministry with his life. But

his example and word are increasingly cherished, and the Fraternity of Churches which was organized to sustain his work, and of which he was the informing and inspiring soul, still continues his beneficent work in this community.

In the meantime vast changes have taken place in the racial, industrial, the social and religious aspects of our city. When the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches was founded, sixty-nine years ago, the population of Boston was hardly 65,000, or one ninth as large as now. It was overwhelmingly American in nationality and Protestant in religion. It was a homogeneous population, with common political and social traditions. It was characterized by an inborn reverence for religion and respect for its representatives. Yet Dr. Tuckerman estimated that about 18,000 people in his day were not reached by the existing churches, and it was to morally and religiously inspire this neglected element, as well as to relieve their material wants, that he began the ministry-at-large among them.

PHILANTHROPIC PROBLEMS TODAY.

A great contrast our city exhibits today to the Boston in which Dr. Tuckerman lived and labored.

Our population has grown huge, heterogeneous and unstable. Composed mainly of foreign elements and the children of foreigners it is divided by racial, linguistic and religious differences, and has become far less amenable to our moral and religious influence. According to the United States Census of 1900, out of a total population of 560,892, only 146,193 were reckoned as of native American stock, while 197,129 were born in a foreign country, and a still larger number, 404,499, or 72.21 per cent., had a foreign born father and mother. The division into nationalities is significant and instructive. Thus there were in Boston in 1900, native Americans, 146,193; of Irish parentage, 156,650; of English and Scotch, 23,759; English-Canadian, 49,298; French and French-Canadian, 4,893; German, 21,618; Italian, 20,164; Russian and Polish, 22,254; Scandinavian, 9,950; colored, 10,633; other nationalities, 9,427; of mixed foreign parentage, 29,746. To this enumeration should be added 51,135 persons having one parent foreign-born. The Boston City Directory yields 25 different nationalities.

In the Day Nursery of our Morgan Memorial the children are of different races. The Parker Memorial Mother's Club contains representatives of seven different nations.

The religious aspect of Boston also has undergone equally great changes. The majority of our people now belongs to the Roman Catholic faith, and meets the advances of Protestant ministers even in matters of purely secular concern, with more or less suspicion, if not hostility.

Again, modern industrialism has crowded great numbers of people in congested districts of the city and compelled them to live in discomfort, squalor, and ugliness, and often under circumstances of great privation and misery. The different classes of the population are widely separated, and have far too little communication with each other for sympathy and counsel, for brotherly aid and service. In the earlier days of our city how simple and democratic was the relation between employer and employed, between the rich and the poor, the high-placed and the lowly! All this has changed; perhaps from necessity, certainly for the worse. The concentration of business interests in comparatively few hands, the enormous number of operatives whom the use of modern machinery aggregates in great establishments of industry, have made an individual relation between employer and employed a physical impossibility. Even if the former desire to maintain a kindly personal interest in their workmen it is a difficult matter to accomplish. They no longer know them individually. They come into contact with them only through their agents, and this contact is superficial and rarely extends beyond a selfish and commercial relation.

THE MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

At first sight it might seem as if these great changes in the social and industrial life of our city since Dr. Tuckerman began his ministry to the poor and neglected would be fatal to the continuance of that ministry. They certainly call for very serious modifications in its aims and methods. But far from rendering inoperative and useless the work of the Ministry-at-Large they really make it more indispensable than ever. This ministry is needed, as Dr. J. H. Thoms well says, "as a special agency to keep alive between class and class, those fraternal sentiments which the

nature of our present civilization has so largely deprived of their more spontaneous and individual expression." The Ministry-at-Large brings messages of sympathy and help to suffering humanity from those who cannot, or who, at all events, have not yet learned how to come in their own persons. "Frequently," as Dr. Martineau reminds us, "we do these things by deputy, not because we are indifferent to them, but because we prize them so highly, and reverence them so deeply that we mistrust our power to do them ourselves, and we accordingly look for men who have the special aptitudes and gifts for accomplishing a work which ordinary people, with defective tact, with defective judgment, with defective speech, are unable to do efficiently for themselves."

Conceived in such a spirit the ministry-at-large becomes a reconciling, redemptive force in the community. It tends to promote kindlier feelings between the common members of the social body, to alleviate bitterness, to reduce social friction and lessen class prejudice. It impresses the condition and needs of the less favored classes upon the wealthy and privileged. It keeps alive in the latter the sense of their human and brotherly obligation, and personal responsibility for the poor, the ignorant, and the unhappy within reach of their sympathy and help.

No one who beholds the daily spectacle of human suffering, misery and wickedness which a great city presents—unless his heart is callous and his conscience deadened by selfish and worldly preoccupation—but must be aroused to a quickened sense of his obligation to ameliorate and better, if he cannot altogether remove, the social wrongs and miseries of modern civilization.

One of the best and most effective ways of doing this is through the ministry-at-large; through men and women set apart, trained and qualified for this special work; whose preaching is not done to congregations so much as from house to house; who deal not with masses but with individuals, and address men less through their intellects than through their moral wants and feelings. The work of morally and spiritually uplifting these neglected and apathetic thousands in our city, its family churches and regular clergy cannot effectually do. It requires simpler, more democratic forms of organization, more unconventional methods, a less intellectual

presentation of religious truth, a more direct appeal to the heart and conscience. Above all, it needs that personal contact with individual men; that house to house, and heart to heart ministry which is the only way to their affections, the only source from which newness of life can spring up in them.

THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY.

This special work demands a special ministry, and it is this which has led to the Ministry-at-Large and the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches which sustains it. The work of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has been conscientiously, effectively performed for nearly three-quarters of a century. While the great changes in the population and industrial life of Boston necessitate corresponding changes of aim and method in this work, yet the essential spirit of Dr. Tuckerman and his associates, the spirit of brotherly love and personal service still remains its inspiration and ideal. In equipment, in the number and zeal of its working force, in the distribution and direction of its activities the Fraternity is now at its maximum of power and usefulness.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

In addition to its central office in the Parker Memorial Building the Fraternity conducts its work through five separate branches in different districts of our city. The longest established of these, BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH, is well known as a center of religious and benevolent activities in an impoverished, feverish and vice-breeding neighborhood. It stands like a lighthouse on the brink of a perilous sea. If every institution is but the lengthened shadow of a great or good man, then our Bulfinch Place Mission may be said to be the reflection of Rev. Mr. Winkley's long and beneficent ministry. How many lives has he not touched with his kind and helpful deeds, encouraging words and unaffected piety! He carries with him into his enforced retirement our grateful and admiring affection. It needs not the transfiguring touch of death to reveal him to us as a faithful apostle of the first great minister-at-large—Jesus Christ. The work of Mr. Winkley has been taken up in the same spirit by his successor, Rev. Christopher Eliot, and his devoted band of assistants. By

house-to-house visiting, by conducting a large Sunday School, boys' and girls' clubs, and women's societies; through preaching and teaching, through works of charity and mercy, our Bulfinch Place branch fulfils a ministry of reconciliation at the populous West End, and dreams of the time when, with increased resources and a better equipment, it may render larger and better service to the depressed and unchurched elements in that crowded section of our city.

THE NORTH END UNION.

One of the great social problems which confronts us as a community, and often causes anxious thought, is how to assimilate and convert into useful citizenship the huge army of immigrants, often unlettered and impoverished, we are receiving from foreign countries. The adults among them, bearing the impress of other races and civilizations and for the most part unacquainted with our language and customs are probably in a large degree beyond the touch of our redemptive influences. But in their children we have the promising material, living and plastic, out of which may be fashioned young Americans in sympathy with our political and social ideals. The agencies to which we mainly look for the fulfilment of this great task are our American public schools and institutions of an educational and ethical nature, such as our North End Union. Situated in a crowded district whose population is almost entirely made up of Jewish and Italian elements, the North End Union on Parmenter Street labors to increase knowledge, morality, self-dependence, and good citizenship among them. With its reading room, play room, gymnasium and baths, its numerous clubs and classes, its technical schools which teach useful trades like printing and plumbing, its free lecture courses and Sunday School, the North End Union is a busy hive of useful arts and industries, supplementing the work of the public school at various points where the latter is lacking, especially by that interest in the individual boy or girl, that personal touch which is practically impossible to the overworked school teacher in our crowded public schools.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

At the South End of the city are other swarming multitudes, mostly of foreign birth and Roman Catholic in faith. Among the agencies which labor for their higher good our Morgan Memorial occupies a foremost and unique position. It is a mission conducted jointly by the Unitarians and Methodists, whose theological differences are forgotten in their common desire to help uplift these poorer and less privileged classes of our society. In Rev. Mr. Helms we possess a true minister of Christ. His devotion to his task amounts to a divine passion. He loves the poor, the unhappy, the neglected. His life is a daily ministry of self-sacrifice and service. A new and commodious building, planned after his own mind, has recently been erected by the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches for this increasing work. Here are housed the manifold activities carried on by Mr. Helms and his fellow-workers, services of worship, Sunday Schools, Kindergartens, Day Nurseries, clubs and classes, coöperative stores, a temperance saloon, and many others. The constituency of Morgan Memorial is composed of many different races and of very poor people. Sixty per cent. of it is colored. Its work should be seen to be appreciated at its full worth. It deserves the earnest sympathy and financial and moral support of the people of Boston.

In this connection it is proper to refer to the loss which our association, and especially Morgan Memorial, has met with in the death during the year of Mr. George C. Powers, vice president of the Benevolent Fraternity, a man of upright character, gentle spirit, and devoted to our work. To his initiative the new building of the Morgan Memorial is chiefly owing.

An especial acknowledgment is due to Mr. Courtenay Guild of our committee for his earnest services in this particular field.

THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

The question may have arisen in the reader's mind: "Should all this public service be devoted and all this bounty extended only to those elements in our population which are of foreign birth and parentage? Are there no unfortunate, neglected Americans who need our sympathy and help?" The answer to this inquiry may be found in the reconstructed Theodore Parker

Memorial, and, in a more modest degree, in the new Channing Church in Dorchester, both of which are sustained by our Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. Through its recent reconstruction and new management the Parker Memorial has become an Institutional Church, and, so far as we know, the only institutional church in the Unitarian body. It is overwhelmingly American in its constituency, three-fourths of which is resident in the South End. It differs from the usual family church in this that it is not merely open on Sunday and occasionally on week-days for religious and parochial activities, but continuously throughout the week, both day and evening, for public service and usefulness. It conducts a great variety of activities, religious, educational, social and philanthropic, with especial reference to the young men and women who to the number of many thousands occupy the lodging-houses and homes of the district. Occupied all day as clerks, apprentices, salesmen and saleswomen, seamstresses, students and wage-earners generally, with small incomes, and few personal and social resources, it is hoped to make the Theodore Parker Memorial a congenial resort for all such, with social recreation, educational and religious opportunities of which these young people will be glad to avail themselves when sufficiently brought to their attention.

A second difference between the institutional and the family church lies in this, that while in the latter the minister labors *for* his church members, in the institutional church he labors *with* and *through* them. "They are," to quote Dr. Parkhurst, "not so much his field as his force." As speedily as may be he enrolls them as fellow-workers with him in the cause of social redemption through the power of religious and moral ideals and brotherly endeavor.

Already a good beginning has been made in this work at the Parker Memorial. Its religious services, social gatherings, lecture courses, clubs for young and old, educational and industrial classes are well attended. Its benevolent work is large, its influence extending, and it looks forward to happy years of usefulness in the community.

CHANNING CHURCH.

Channing Church, recently housed in a beautiful and convenient chapel in a populous tenement district of the better sort in Dor-

chester, is an attempt by the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches to extend its activities to the nearer suburbs of the city. It has already proved to be a wisely-planned enterprise, and is rapidly becoming a self-supporting, earnest and effective church.

IN CONCLUSION.

Such is the story which the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in Boston has to tell at the present day, and which is given in greater detail in the ministers' reports which follow.

Is it not worthy of the confidence and continued support of the general community, and especially of the body of Unitarian churches in this city which created and has until now sustained it? Its one great need today is a larger income to enable it to meet the ever-enlarging needs and opportunities of its work. It earnestly appeals, therefore, to the churches to increase their annual contributions to its treasury, and to philanthropic individuals to make donations to its general or specific activities. It asks for bequests and legacies from those who are devising generous gifts to good causes from their estates.

Unable to resist the urgent demands made upon it for social service the Executive Committee has, during the past year, expended more money than its income would seem to warrant, resulting in an inevitable deficit. To have refused to do this would have seriously crippled, and in some instances, destroyed the work. They were fain to believe that the churches and individual benefactors who, for so many years have supported the Fraternity would not fail to respond to the financial needs of the situation when they become acquainted with them. We have gratefully to report a bequest from Mrs. Susan G. Farwell of \$500, and that Miss Sarah Cox, lately deceased, for years a deeply interested volunteer worker at the North End Union, showed her faith in it by devising the interest of a fund of \$4000 towards its support. During the year also the property and invested funds of the former Brattle-Square Church Corporation, representing a valuation of \$38,394.45, have been transferred by the Massachusetts courts to the Benevolent Fraternity.

We are gratified to announce that during the year All Souls Church of Roxbury has joined the Fraternity by electing delegates to it, and making a contribution to its treasury. REV. H. T. SECRIST, its minister, has also accepted the position of one of our Executive Committee.

During Anniversary Week, in May last, there was held in the chapel of the Second Church in Copley Square a social gathering of the Benevolent Fraternity and its friends, at which about 150 persons were present, followed in the evening by a public meeting in Arlington Street Church, at which PRESIDENT VAN NESS took the chair and addresses were made on various phases of our work by REVS. S. M. CROTHERS, EDWARD CUMMINGS, P. R. FROTHINGHAM and C. W. WENDTE. The music was kindly furnished by the Arlington Street Church choir. The audience was very large and the impression deep, and, we hope, lasting. Such public meetings in the interest of our cause should be held more frequently.

With methods approved by long experience and sufficiently flexible to admit of all necessary adaptation and development; with a force of workers, both paid and volunteer, of whose loyalty and efficiency we are assured, and sustained by a body of strong and earnest churches and the general goodwill of the community, the Fraternity will seek in the future, as in the past, to maintain important trusts committed to it, and to make it a power for individual and social salvation in this city of our God.

For the Executive Committee,

CHARLES W. WENDTE.

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER, WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

**Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the
City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1903.**

INCOME.	
Rents	\$ 3,339 85
Bank tax rebate	33 83
Rebate on sewer pipe	24
Income from investments	9,618 41
Contributions from friends	845
Contributions from churches	5,147 19
Contributions for Morgan Memorial	2,859 34
Contributions for Channing Church	154 07
Contributions for Parker Memorial	1,546 89
	<u>\$23,568 58</u>

EXPENDITURES.		
PARKER MEMORIAL.		
Expenses	\$9,090 09	
City of Boston, 1902 taxes	222 00	
	<u>\$9,312 09</u>	\$9,312 09
Rents received	\$1,080 00	
Home Income and Friends	1,546 89	2,626 89
Net expense	<u>\$6,685 20</u>	
NORTH END UNION.		
Expenses	\$4,072 71	4,072 71
Rents received	1,000 00	
Net expense	<u>\$3,072 71</u>	
CHANNING CHURCH.		
Expenses	\$1,824 77	1,824 77
Friends and rebates on electric light and copying machine	154 07	
Net expense	<u>\$1,670 70</u>	
MORGAN MEMORIAL.		
Expenses	\$5,790 87	
Interest and commission	2,278 57	
	<u>\$ 8,069 44</u>	8,069 44
Rents received	\$1,259 85	
Friends and return premium on insurance policy	2,859 34	4,119 19
Net expense	<u>\$3,950 25</u>	
BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.		
Expenses		4,678 54
Carried forward		<u>\$27,957 55</u>

Brought forward	\$27,957 55
Services on Common	133 94
Administrative expenses	1,285 58

SUNDRIES.

Printing, postage and stationery	\$175 80
Expenses of reception	56 96
Legal services	50 00
Evening services at Roslindale	100 00
	<u>382 76</u>
	\$29,759 83

Expenditures	\$29,759 83
Income	<u>23,568 58</u>
Deficit	\$6,191 25

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,774 24
King's Chapel	1,515 00
South Congregational Church	1,100 00
Second Church in Boston	371 00
First Church in Boston	200 00
First Parish in Dorchester	100 00
Hawes Unitarian Church	27 50
First Parish in West Roxbury	15 00
Collection at Church Meeting	<u>44 45</u>
	5,147 19

FOR PARKER MEMORIAL.

Water rates refunded	10 00
Home income	1,411 89
John C. Haynes	100 00
The Misses Cummings	<u>25 00</u>
	1,546 89

FOR MORGAN MEMORIAL.

Elizabeth B. Osgood for piano	200 00
Methodist Denomination	2,600 00
Return premium on insurance policy	<u>59 34</u>
	2,859 34

FOR CHANNING CHURCH.

Rebates on electric light and copying machine	20 97
Women's Alliance	<u>133 10</u>
	154 07

FRIENDS.

Susan W. Farwell bequest	\$500 00	
South Middlesex Conference	100 00	
Grenville H. Norcross	100 00	
Mrs. Otis Norcross	100 00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25 00	
W. H. P. Robbins	20 00	845 00
Parsonage Fund of the Church in Brattle Square		\$38,396 45
Transferred by decree of Supreme Judicial Court and Act of Legislature to General Fund of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston.		

I have examined the accounts of MR. WILLIAM P. FOWLER, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor, verifying the investments and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached.

GEORGE S. CHASE, *Auditor*.

BOSTON, May 2, 1903.



BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

Bulfinch Place, near Bowdoin Square.

In charge, REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Residence, 2 West Cedar St.

Assistants, MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, address at the Church.

The work at Bulfinch Place Church has been carried on as vigorously as the means at our command would allow. We have followed the usual lines of activity which have been so often described in these reports. As someone said to us the other day, "Bulfinch Place Church is a *church*," and the statement, while it seems nothing more than a truism, is in fact the most comprehensive description of our position and work. As a church, our purpose is the development of Christian character, and our work includes all the usual agencies employed by churches for that end. These have been named and described in previous reports.

Without attempting, therefore, to go over the ground again, and simply reminding you of the Afternoon Service of Worship, the Howard Sunday School and the Winkley Guild, with the activities and ministry they represent, I will venture to refer to the position which our church is trying to hold as an agency for social service, by which I mean the service which it is endeavoring to perform *outside of itself*.

In the first place we believe that Bulfinch Place Church means much for the immediate neighborhood. Enquiry among the people living in the West End would reveal the fact that our "little church on the corner" is highly respected if not beloved. It is recognized by "all sorts and conditions of men" as standing for service, for applied Christianity, for the gospel of humanity and a better life. There are hundreds of people, we believe, who, though they may not enter our doors, would nevertheless miss the church should it go, persons to whom it is, though unconsciously and indirectly, an influence for good. Testimony to the truth of this comes to us again and again, by words of friendly interest and more frequently by the calls made upon us by strangers for services of various kinds.

But the fact stares us in the face that we ought to be doing a great deal more for this world in the midst of which we are situated—a world so crowded, so chaotic, socially and morally, so full of human needs and opportunities for humanitarian and spiritual service! No one who realizes the situation will wonder that we hope, earnestly and with some confidence, for the time when our church will be made the center of a social work (*e.g.* by a social settlement) as well as of a more vigorous spiritual work (by a new or remodelled church building) which taken together will be worthy of its past history and commensurate with its present opportunity. In the meantime, there are certain of our societies or clubs which are working diligently and with creditable success in this field of social service.

The Woman's Alliance is an organization which brings us into touch with other churches of our liberal faith, near or far away, and enables us to do many an act of helpful service.

It also has its welcome and helping hand for those who come to us, as the hospitality of Anniversary Week abundantly testifies. It is our center of denominational interest, relating our church to the American Unitarian Association, the National Women's Alliance and the cause of religious liberty all over the world. In return such a relationship brings us new strength and inspiration, and the Alliance is enabled to help its own church in many ways.

A sister organization is the Eliot Circle, which is a Lend-a-Hand Club of women, forty or fifty in number, whose motto is "Ich dien." It is always reaching outward, seeking someone to serve. Under the guidance of its President, Miss Stokes, it gathers together mothers and children, friends and strangers, without thought of creed or church, with the single thought of helpfulness and goodwill. At any one of its meetings you will find from fifty to seventy-five persons (at Christmas, one hundred and fifty) being made happy, being lifted away from the dull and dreary things of their daily lives, by music, by poetry, by mutual friendliness, and thus being led to feel that the church is their social and religious home.

The idea of good citizenship and of patriotic service finds its natural representative in the Red, White and Blue Club, as well as in other clubs, whether of boys or girls, the purpose of which is in every case the development of mutual responsibility and helpfulness. There are at least a dozen such clubs, and they exist, and know that they exist, for the sake of friendship and to make the world a happier home for some one.

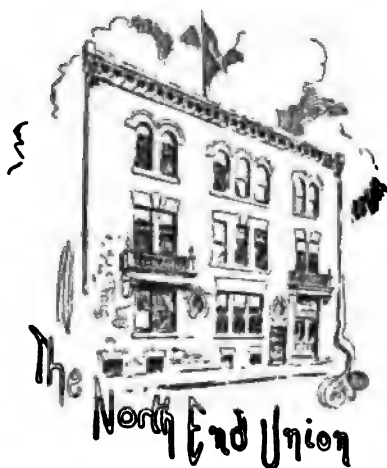
All of this is a part of our social service, carefully planned so as to make everyone who comes to our Church or Sunday school a helper and worker for others. We rejoice in the ministry of love which is carried on by our members at Thanksgiving and Christmas, at the Old Ladies' Party in June, and during the summer. We are thinking of the many whom we do not see within our doors very often, perhaps never, but to whom we are sending words of good cheer, helpful counsel, material assistance, a friendly visitor, and to whom this church is a strong, true friend. We are thinking of the sick and aged, comforted and cheered at Festival times, of the children in the summer playroom, of the recipients of our spring and summer flowers, of the strangers who come for advice

and assistance, of the people who have crowded our recent stereopticon lectures, of the sad and bereaved who have come to us for comfort, not strictly of our own number. We feel confident that in spite of many difficulties and some discouragements we are filling an important place and doing a useful work. On the other hand, and perhaps this is the more important thing to say, the opportunity for such service is practically without limit, our future usefulness being dependent upon two simple conditions, workers and money.

We have the workers, not only those whom the Fraternity affords and whom we could not spare, but many willing assistants, volunteers, who because of their devotion to the church and their desire to serve humanity, give liberally of their time and strength, and would give even more were the conditions such that we could accept their services. In other words the opportunity for the kind of social service which I have been describing is great, but we cannot enter into it largely with our present equipment.

The gift of an electric stereopticon has enabled us to prove that we can fill our church with an appreciative audience for lectures. It has also helped us in our evening services. The summer play-room shows us that there are many children (mostly the children of foreigners) who would be glad to avail themselves of educational privileges. The neighborhood is such that the opportunity for friendly visiting and good citizenship work is practically limitless. With a building adapted to neighborhood work, and a house that we could use for such work as the college settlements are doing, we could bring our church up to modern requirements. This would not mean giving up the regular church services and organization, or the Sunday School. It would simply mean a large increase in the social service which we are already trying to do.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



NORTH END UNION.

In charge, SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, 20 Parmenter Street.
Assistants, Miss FLORENCE N. BARKER, HORACE L. CHANNEL.

In presenting my report for the past year it has seemed best for me to omit the usual statement of activities. Such a statement, if made, would be very nearly equivalent to a duplication of last year's report. It may be best, therefore, to devote the space usually occupied by a summary of results, to the anticipation of certain problems which confront us and to the forecasting of the work to which we are likely to be called.

Within a year the School Board has opened three "educational centers" in different parts of Boston where opportunities of various kinds are given during the evening to the young people and adults of the neighborhood.

It is the purpose to increase the number of these "centers" and to enlarge the work to meet the demands of all who apply. Courses of illustrated lectures and instruction in sewing, dress-

making, embroidery, millinery, cooking, basketry, vocal and instrumental music have been provided. One of these "educational centers" is located at the North End, where there are several private organizations doing all that the "center" is doing and many things besides.

Here is a new situation to face. It is desirable to avoid duplication of forces, and the private organizations will be only too glad to transfer to the city all the work which it can do equally well. But what shall be taken and what left, if any, is the question. Shall the city take all of their work, leaving them no other claim to continued existence but to do pioneer work in undeveloped fields? Indeed the question has already been asked, "Will the time ever come when the city can do all the work now done by the various private institutions?"

One hesitates to say, categorically, just what the city can or cannot do, but it is a safe assumption that it is very doubtful whether the city can ever do certain lines of work as well as they are now being done by private means. The city can deal successfully with the mass, as it now does in its schools, public libraries, baths, gymnasiums, playgrounds, parks, etc. It can provide social and economic opportunities, such as lectures, concerts, entertainments and instruction in various forms of industrial work for the people of a neighborhood. If the city can do so much where shall the line be drawn between the work it can and cannot do? Achievement depends upon desire; where there is a will there is a way. It is easy to provide for the Abraham Lincolns, who will walk five miles to get a book and read it by the light of a pine knot, or for the boy or girl who will climb and grow in spite of every obstacle, but what shall be done for those lacking in desire? Just at this point the personal influence comes in to help, encourage and stimulate.

The value of a teacher depends not so much upon scholarship as upon enthusiasm for the work in hand. But enthusiasm, like light, diminishes according to the square of the distance from the body that produces it. One of the best masters of Boston said recently, "I have one class of eight boys and I feel that I am getting hold of every one of them. I have in another class these

same eight boys and seven others and I have no such feeling." It is the close, warm, personal, human relation that is the great factor in the moral uplift and character building of the boy. As has been said this influence must be exercised at short range. Groups, as in boys' clubs, should be small and made up by natural selection. This develops a community of interests and promotes devotion and loyalty to the best welfare of the club. With such a group, what is not possible to a wise and enthusiastic leader? The value of this personal work depends largely upon knowing the home life of the individual, his trials, hardships and difficulties. This is the sort of work which requires devotion, enthusiasm, consecration, qualities that cannot always be had for a price. When we have an ideal civic life, when the best men are willing to give unstinted service to the welfare of the community, then, no doubt, these qualities can be had by the city for the asking.

Another important factor which should be considered in connection with this work is that of a building adapted in its appointments, surroundings and atmosphere to all the many kinds of work which it should do. The schoolhouse is admirable for merely class work. but it has no sense of home-iness, and it is difficult to adapt it to social needs and desires. This thought may be more clearly brought out by contrasting two ideals.

Take the ideal school building which shall be constructed with reference not only to the needs of the school during the day, but, as far as may be, to the requirements of the social, intellectual and industrial demands of the neighborhood during the evening, and supplement this with every service that money can buy. Let all these opportunities be offered to the public without fee.

On the other hand take an ideal North End Union, having the conveniences of a well-appointed club-house—parlor, library, reading room, game room, cosy nooks for social converse, all abounding in warmth and good cheer; having a life organized on the basis of social and intellectual needs and desires—gymnasiums, billiards, bowling alley; baseball and football teams; canoeing, boating and camping clubs; dramatic and debating societies; Saturday outings and excursions near and far; and classes in a dozen

different intellectual lines. Given all these opportunities, which may be had for a nominal fee, and administered with a thoughtful, earnest, serious devotion to the end in view, I think it will be readily admitted that the opportunities offered by an ideal North End Union will be more attractive and effective than those offered by the ideal adjustable schoolhouse.

The schoolhouse, at best, is seriously handicapped in attempting to do all that ought to be done by the fact that it must be first of all a schoolhouse, and that any supplementary work which it may do is limited to this condition, whereas the ideal North End Union, constructed with direct reference to its special work, has no such limitations.

These considerations, however, are merely externals. The real point of superiority of the private means above those of the city lies deeper, involving the possible separation of its members into small groups by natural selection, a sense of ownership or possession which comes with a membership fee, the services of volunteer as well as paid workers, whose enthusiasm and quick sympathies make possible the necessary individual work and the opportunities which these various activities offer, to promote a strong and vigorous manhood. It would seem, therefore, that the work which may properly be left to private means should be that which depends, for its best development, upon the personal touch.

The North End Union, in planning its work of the past year, gave careful consideration to the work of the "educational center" that there might be no duplication of forces. There is an apparent overlapping in some of our work, but such classes have been retained because of the personal elements involved. The members of the several dressmaking classes, for instance, are known personally, the individual needs of each are considered, and the service rendered is more than the mere instruction in cutting and making dresses.

We have had fifteen paid and sixty-two volunteer workers during the past year, to all of whom we extend our hearty thanks for their sincere and earnest help.

The following is a list of the various activities of the Union:

7 Classes in dressmaking and sewing, for young women and adults,

Saturday morning sewing class, 160 pupils, 25 teachers; Sunday School; 6 boys' clubs; 1 girls' club; course of 10 illustrated lectures; monthly dancing socials; gymnasium—young men, young women and boys; Trade classes, printing and plumbing; playroom for children, five afternoons; public baths, accommodated about 10,000 last year; Reading Room and Library, every evening.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street.

In charge, REV. EDGAR J. HELMS.

Assistants, C. W. SIMPSON, REV. H. B. KING, MISS EDNA C. BROWN, MISS ELIZABETH S. EMMONS, MISS NEWMAN.

On Sunday, June 8, 1902, we moved into our new church building. At the opening the President of the Benevolent Fraternity and the Superintendent of the Boston Methodist Missionary and Church Extension Society were the principal speakers. They prophesied a greatly enlarged work. The results of the past ten months have more than fulfilled their hopes.

I. SPIRITUAL WORK.

Instead of one congregation a Sunday we have had several. The Children's Church has been organized. It meets in the beautiful audience room in the vestry at the same hours, morning and evening, during which the adults worship in the auditorium. The children have their own vested choir and order of worship. The attendance has been growing. The interest and order have constantly improved. The average number attending both morning services is about 200; at night about 450.

The Epworth League has a religious meeting for young people Sunday evening at 6.30.

We tried to make the Christmas holidays, holy days by special religious meetings. During Passion Week we again adjourned our social and educational work and every night held special religious services. A deep spiritual feeling was manifest and much good accomplished.

The ten days preceding Pentecost are always observed in the same way and frequently we call upon the clergymen of all denominations to assist us in a week of special religious meetings in the early autumn.

Two nights in the week are set aside for religious culture. A prayer and conference meeting is held on Thursday night where



MORGAN MEMORIAL.

all so inclined are invited to meet together. Tuesday evening there are four class meetings under appointed religious leaders.

The spiritual side of the work at Morgan Chapel is ever the side most emphasized.

II. SOCIAL.

There is a great variety of social gatherings at the church. The names of these various organizations will suggest their character. The Young Men's Brotherhood, King's Daughters' Circles, Colored Men's Clubs, two clubs for intermediate boys, two clubs for intermediate girls, two clubs for primary boys, and two clubs for primary girls. These meet on various nights in their respective rooms. Sometimes they all meet together on a Wednesday night in a union social; sometimes one club invites its friends and has a private function that night. Club nights the boys and girls spend half the evening in the gymnasium in physical culture. A great variety of topics and occupations has been taken up during the winter.

The Spa and Amusement Room is a new and popular institution. In it are to be found temperance drinks, sandwiches, etc. There are opportunities to read, play games, etc. The Spa is open from 7.30 to 11 o'clock every week night. The average attendance is 45 young men.

III. EDUCATIONAL.

The Industrial School has turned out a better quality of work this year than ever before. The enrollment has been large. To the sloyd and cardboard work and sewing have been added basket weaving, printing, carving, etc.

The Music School has had an enrollment of about 150. We have taught voice culture, piano, organ, violin, guitar, mandolin, banjo, cornet, etc. The prices are very low and the instructors the best. We are bringing something of a musical education within the reach of the poorest. An appeal for a pipe organ in last year's report is bearing fruit. Through REV. G. W. SOLLEY several persons have subscribed almost enough to put one in. It has since been installed.

Our kindergarten was opened weeks after the public kindergartens. We gathered in those overlooked or not desired, or unable to attend the public schools. The enrollment has been upwards of 50.

The Day Nursery has been full. The generous gifts of the Newtonville M. E. young people have provided beautiful iron cribs, etc. It is a remarkable sight to go in among these babies of every hue and nationality. There we find the ideal democracy and the prophecy of coming America.

The Public Forum on Sunday afternoons may be classed as an educational institution. About 250 earnest men and women have gathered to listen to some expert on some subject and then to discuss and ask questions. DR. EDWARD EVERETT HALE opened the Forum in January. A great variety of subjects, religious, social, political, and philosophical, has been presented. The meetings will be continued on Boston Common during the summer.

Space will permit us to mention only the excellent work of the Total Abstinence Guild, the Junior Temperance League, the Bureau of Employment and Information, the Relief Work, where we collect and repair and dispose of second-hand clothing, shoes, furniture, etc.; the Coöperative stores, the concerts, entertainments, fresh air work for children and others, etc.

To all who have helped by kind words of encouragement and advice, or by volunteer service or by contributions we hereby gratefully return thanks.

E. J. HELMS.



PARKER MEMORIAL.

In charge, REV. CHARLES W. WENDTE, 53 Berkeley Street.

Assistants, MISS ANNE JENISON, D. M. MOOK, F. W. WODELL,
RALPH D. FORBES.

Our aims and methods are practically those of a modern *Institutional Church*, open not only on Sundays, but continuously throughout the week, both day and evening, and conducting a great variety of entertainments, religious, educational, social and philanthropic, with especial reference to the young men and women who, to the number of many thousands, occupy the lodging houses and homes of the district. It is believed that as an Institutional or Everyday Church, a large opportunity for usefulness is opened to the Parker Memorial. The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in Boston, which so generously supports it, could not more happily fulfil its pledge to maintain the handsome edifice devised to it as a worthy memorial of Theodore Parker (who did so much to make religion and life identical) and to conduct it in his spirit. So far as we know this is the only distinctively Institutional Church in

the Unitarian fellowship, and as such its work and example must be of interest and value to the whole body of liberal churches.

The experience of this second year has tended to confirm our plans and hopes, as outlined in last year's report. The attendance at the various meetings, clubs, classes, etc., of the Parker Memorial has been increasingly and gratifyingly large. Latterly we have felt authorized to say that an average of 1700 persons a week, three-fourths of them adults, have visited the building, besides several hundred more who attended the meetings of 19 other organizations to whom we granted the free use of our halls and committee rooms. Perhaps one-fourth of these were the same persons making repeated visits. This leads us to note with satisfaction that a nucleus of persons, increasing in number and interest, is now attached to our institution, makes it its church home, its social and fraternal centre, and its educational opportunity. The growth of this element is best shown by the increasing attendance at our church services, and the enlarged financial contributions of our membership. Since October 1st, 1902, our Sunday audiences have averaged 300 persons and not unfrequently risen to five or six hundred, and this despite an unusual number of stormy Sundays. At the social reunion held in the parlors after each service, a unique feature of our work, from forty to one hundred people have remained an hour longer for conversation, music, informal discourse, or a cup of tea. This after-meeting gives the opportunity for a personal touch which we have prized very highly and sought to avail ourselves of. The home-income of the church, derived from collections, contributions, gifts, memberships, class-dues, the Woman's Alliance Easter Sale, etc., has amounted this past year to \$2070.96, as against \$686 in 1901-02. Because of this notable increase in our home collections we are able to ask the Benevolent Fraternity to again decrease their appropriation to the Parker Memorial \$500 for the ensuing year; making a total decrease of \$1000 in two years past. For the coming year the Fraternity will simply pay for salaries, music and coal, while the remaining and incidental expenses, estimated at from \$1700 to \$2000, will be met by our own resources.

CHANGES IN THE PERSONNEL.

The working force of the Parker Memorial has undergone some changes during the year. MISS ANNE JENISON has continued her devoted services as minister's assistant, but MR. HOWARD B. BURLINGAME, superintendent of the Boys' Club and Young People's Club, and general helper, now leaves us, after sixteen months' faithful service, to pursue other lines of work. We shall greatly miss his genial, kindly presence in our midst, although he will remain one of the volunteers to whom we may look for at least occasional service. MR. WENDELL P. GETCHELL, who for eight years had been connected with the Parker Memorial as janitor and engineer, left us in October, 1901. Appreciative mention should be made of his long term of faithful service. In April MR. RALPH D. FORBES was appointed to the position. It would be impossible to enumerate all those who during the past year have rendered kind and helpful service to our work, and to whom we owe gratitude. REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS, of the Benevolent Fraternity, and chairman of our Parker Memorial sub-committee, has been a steady friend and adviser. REV. THOMAS VAN NESS, president of the Benevolent Fraternity, has also taken a deep interest in our welfare. MR. JOHN C. HAYNES has been a most generous contributor and faithful attendant at our services.

GIFTS.

Among the most acceptable gifts of the year were three handsome bronze statues, representing three youths, or genii, bearing tablets inscribed with medallions of three great reformers, Wycklif, Savonarola, and Luther. These figures were modeled and cast by the late Sculptor Kraus, as a part of the Theodore Parker Monument (now in West Roxbury), but were not used for that purpose. In December last they were presented to the Parker Memorial by the Boston Memorial Association. Erected on handsome pedestals, the gift of two friends, they add much to the decorative features of our Memorial Hall. In February last REV. C. W. WENDTE delivered three illustrated Sunday evening lectures on the reformers they commemorate, at which the three statues were successively unveiled to large congregations.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

The most notable event in our church year was the organization on January 18th, 1903, of the Theodore Parker Fraternity, which is to be the center of our church and general activities. The articles of organization state that its purpose is "to promote Pure Religion and Practical Righteousness, Self-improvement and Social Service, in the spirit of Theodore Parker, and for these ends to coöperate with the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the support and conduct of the Theodore Parker Memorial." There are at this writing 49 active, 7 contributing and 11 honorary members. It is hoped to make this association a vital part of our work.

Hardly less important was the organization in November, 1902, of the Parker Memorial Woman's Alliance, with a present membership of 21. Regular monthly all-day meetings have been held introduced by a brief religious service. The work done thus far has been chiefly of a practical character, especially in preparing for an Easter sale in behalf of the Parker Memorial treasury. By the assiduity of the members this proved to be a most successful occasion. The attendance during the two days' sale (April 2d and 3d) was not as large as had been anticipated, the financial results however (over \$200) were fully up to expectation, while the spirit of good fellowship among the workers themselves and our membership generally, was of even greater importance. The society is a member of the National Unitarian Woman's Alliance, many of whose branches contributed in a most generous manner to the sale tables. To all who aided in this first enterprise of our earnest and devoted women, our heartiest thanks are returned.

Another noteworthy addition to our forces for reform work at the South End was the establishment of the John B. Finch Lodge of Good Templars in the Parker Memorial building. It holds weekly sessions, and once a month conducts a public temperance meeting in Fraternity Hall. It is hoped that much good may result from this coöperation.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday evening services have been the central interest and inspiration of our work. The all-pervading memory of Theodore Parker, which is ever with us, should of itself inspire us to do our truest and best in the pulpit which is in lineal succession from that great and consecrated spirit. Besides the sermons on religion and life given by the minister and others rendering him assistance, two series of lectures were given by the pastor. One was upon Heroes of Protestantism; three illustrated lectures, elsewhere referred to. The other course was on Great Church Composers, viz.: 1. The Genius and Mission of Music; 2. George Frederick Handel; 3. John Sebastian Bach; 4. Joseph Haydn; 5. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; 6. Louis van Beethoven; 7. Felix Mendelssohn; 8. In Review of the Great Composers. These lectures were musically illustrated by selections from the works of these masters rendered by leading church choirs in Boston: The First Church Choir, Mr. Arthur Foote, Director; The Second Church Choir, Mr. H. G. Tucker, Director; The Arlington-Street Church Choir, Mr. Lewis S. Thompson, Director; The South Congregational Church Choir, Mr. B. L. Whelpley, Director; The First Parish Choir, Dorchester, Mr. Charles P. Scott, Director; The First Parish Choir, Brookline, Mr. Percy Goetschius, Director; The First Parish Choir, Brighton, Mrs. Nelson Freeman, Director. Many other artists, both vocal and instrumental, assisted. The chorus work was done by the chorus choir of the Parker Memorial, and the whole series was under the direction of Mr. F. W. Wodell, its musical director. The kind coöperation of our Unitarian church choirs and other artists made possible a most artistic rendition of the musical numbers and ensured the success of the course, which enjoyed a large and often crowded attendance.

Other special services were the Christmas, Easter and Harvest Home Festivals, which attracted large congregations, a lecture on New England Psalmody, illustrated by the chorus choir, a performance of the first part of Haydn's "Seasons," a sermon before the Actors' Church Alliance on "Popular Amusements and Public Morals," an observance of the 42d anniversary of Theodore Par-

ker's death, participated in by the Young People's Religious Unions in and about Boston, a Patriots' Day Service (April 19) with addresses by Revs. L. B. MacDonald, Edward Cummings and C. W. Wendte, a temperance meeting in favor of District Option, with Revs. C. F. Dole, F. S. C. Wicks, J. H. Applebee, and C. W. Wendte as speakers. These were among the features of our church year.

THE MUSIC.

Especial mention should be made of the musical part of our Sunday service. Under the able and devoted leadership of Mr. F. W. Wodell, the chorus choir of 30 or more voices has made remarkable progress, rendering anthems and other concerted pieces and occasional solos in an admirable manner. Mrs. Georgiana Frye-Cheney has been its organist. Its work culminated on the evening of April 30th, when Mendelssohn's Oratorio of "Elijah" was given almost entire, both solo and choral numbers by the choir, assisted by an orchestra, before a crowded and appreciative audience.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The educational work of the year was, in point of merit, attendance and interest, an improvement on last year. First we should take into account the Public Library Station, maintained in our building by the city authorities. It has justified its existence by an attendance of some 70 to 100 persons a day, two thirds of them adults, and an output of books now amounting to about 1400 a month. The Fraternity gives the city the free use of the west store, heat and janitor service, and some periodical literature. We consider this an important part of our educational work.

Next in importance were the two courses of Wednesday evening lectures and entertainments, maintained from October to May in the lower Fraternity Hall, as follows:

Rev. Charles W. Wendte, illustrated lecture, "Afoot and Afloat in Holland;" Mr. Sidney Woollett recited Tennyson's "Holy Grail" with personal reminiscences of the poet; Rev. William Lloyd, lec-

ture, "Florence and Four Great Florentines;" Prof. Frederick M. Noa, illustrated lecture, "Cuba as I saw it;" Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, of Cambridge, lecture, "The Honest Miner of the Far West;" Rev. W. S. Key, formerly of Boston, England, illustrated lecture, "Through Pilgrim Lands, or a Visit to the Home of our Forefathers;" Rev. John Snyder, lecture, "The Evolution of American Humor," with illustrative readings; Mr. H. B. Burlingame, illustrated lecture, "Saunterings through Ireland;" Musical and Dramatic Entertainment by the Herford Club; Rev. Edward Cummings, lecture; New Year's Eve Reception to Rev. C. W. and Mrs. Wendte; Prof. J. Spencer Baldwin, lecture-reading, "The Poetry of Kipling;" Mrs. Mignon Reed, illustrated lecture, "Cruising in the Mediterranean;" Rev. A. L. Hudson, formerly of Utah, lecture, "Mormons and Mormonism;" Rev. Thomas Van Ness, lecture, "A Pilgrimage to Lourdes;" Social Service Club of the South Congregational Church, dramatic and musical entertainment; Boston Comedy Company, dramatic entertainment; Rev. George H. Badger, illustrated lecture, "The Story of Hawthorne's Marble Faun;" Rev. Alexander F. Irvine, of New Haven, illustrated lecture, "Millet: The Epic of Labor as painted by the Peasant Painter of Normandy;" Rev. L. B. Macdonald, illustrated lecture, "A Visit to Porto Rico;" Parker Memorial Choir, concert and reception; Miss Caroline H. Huidobro, illustrated lecture, "The Land of the Incas;" Rev. Charles W. Wendte, illustrated lecture, "Rambles and Scrambles in the Swiss Alps;" School of English Speech and Expression, Miss Marie W. Laughton, principal, entertainment of dramatics, recitations and music; George Willis Cooke, lecture, "Concord and Concord People;" Burton Linwood Thomas, illustrated lecture, "Pilgrim Shore: the birthplace of American Freedom." Admittance to these courses was by season ticket gratuitously distributed. The attendance averaged 200, frequently rising to 300 or more. Four-fifths of this constituency was drawn from the South End between Harrison and Columbus Avenues, Boylston Street and the Roxbury line. The other fifth came from the nearer suburbs. The experiment will be made next year of charging a small admittance fee to these lectures in order to meet

in part their expense and assure more regularity in the attendance of those who hold cards of admission.

Evening Classes were held in Millinery, Dressmaking, Wood-carving and Modelling, China-painting, Dancing, Gymnastics and Physical Culture, and Photography. The teachers were experts in these branches. The fee was \$1 for twelve lessons. During the first term the enrollment was 167 and the percentage of attendance 69. During the second term the enrollment was 180 and the percentage of attendance 76. (The total enrollment in 1901-02 was 100 and the average attendance only 50 per cent.) The class fees received this year amounted to \$348, as against \$99.50 last year. This makes the class work not far from self-supporting. It ought to be added, however, that this large increase is mainly due to the popularity and large size of the classes in dancing.

CLUBS.

The first club to be mentioned is the long-established *Mothers' Club* under the devoted care of Miss Jenison. It consists of 29 members, and has met fortnightly on Tuesday evenings. There have been 29 meetings during the year, including three summer picnics. The average attendance has been 20. Ten members are of American antecedents, 7 of Irish, 6 Jewish, 2 Italian, 2 English, and 1 each are French and Nova Scotian. The object of the meetings is mainly social, to furnish a pleasant evening with friends for these women whose days are filled with hard work and who have but few, if any, outings. When trouble comes into their lives the mothers turn naturally to the friends here for sympathy and help. A delightful feature of the club's year has been the goodwill with which our denominational young people and others have furnished entertainment. They have come repeatedly from the Church of the Disciples, Second Church, Dorchester and Brighton; the Arlington Street Church arranged a series of five evenings with Mrs. Minerva B. Tobey who gave informal talks. Something entertaining is always offered, if no more than the reading of a bright magazine story, and this, with a cup of tea and perhaps a game or a dance, fills the two hours happily. The good cheer and

good fellowship radiated into the lives of these home-makers are counted a worthy and adequate return by the Club's helpers.

The Young People's Club. MR. BURLINGAME reports that the second year of the Parker Memorial Young People's Club has been both a beneficial and a prosperous one. The Club has gained in membership and in interest. It meets in the parlors of the Memorial every Mouday evening from October to May. The first Monday evening in each month is the Club's business meeting, and the other Monday evenings are devoted to socials and instructive talks. The following gentlemen have addressed the Club during the year :—REVS. EDWARD CUMMINGS, C. W. WENDTE and F. S. C. WICKS, MESSRS. SPINNEY, CHARLES FRYER and JOHN C. HADLOCK.

Boys' Club. Of the Boys' Club MR. BURLINGAME reports : The Boys' Club at Parker Memorial is, strictly speaking, a neighborhood club, but some of its members live in Roxbury, South Boston and Dorchester. The Club was formed in January, 1902, and has just finished its second winter of activity. There are at present thirty-eight members. The Club rooms are pleasant ones, consisting of a game and reading room and a gymnasium. The boys meet on Monday afternoons, Thursday evenings, and Saturday afternoons, and on the last Saturday evening of the month a social and ice cream supper is provided for them. In the reading room are games, a good selection of juvenile books and many weekly and monthly periodicals of interest to youth. The boys are permitted to borrow books from their club library for home reading, and this feature has met with an enthusiastic response. MR. GUSTAF ANDERSON, of the Posse Gymnasium, instructs the boys in Swedish gymnastics, and superintends the games in the gymnasium, and many thanks are due him for his kindly interest and faithful work with the boys. The hot and cold shower baths connected with the gymnasium have proved a pleasant and beneficial feature, and have been much used. During the summer months frequent excursions and outings were given, but the regular club meetings were suspended from May to September. Boys whose ages are between eight and fourteen have been admitted, and the boys are,

with but two exceptions, of American parentage. To **MR. LEICESTER POTTER**, of the South Congregational Church, thanks are due for his kind offices in assisting in the work of the Club.

The Sphinx Club, composed of young ladies from Boston Unitarian churches, has held regular Saturday sessions for seven months of the year. Nearly the entire day is devoted to the instruction of poor children, some 40 in number, in piano and violin music, elocution, embroidery, and other branches. At Christmas the children were given a happy time. This is to be reckoned one of the most admirable pieces of altruistic service rendered our constituency, and the faithfulness with which these young ladies have for years past given themselves to this work is deserving of the most grateful recognition. **MISS GERTRUD S. SANDS** is president of the Club. The Club has placed a piano in the parlors for general use.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

Besides the open church door, the cheerful evening parlors and Sunday evening after-meetings, there have been a number of special social occasions during the year. Perhaps the most notable of these was the largely attended reception given the Minister and his wife on New Year's eve in the parlors, followed by pleasant addresses by **REVS. B. F. McDANIEL** and **CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT** in the lower hall, the serving of refreshments and dancing. At 11.45 the company repaired upstairs to a brief watch-meeting at which the minister made an address, a prayer was offered and a hymn sung to welcome in the New Year. Another pleasant occasion was the reception to the Chorus Choir which followed their concert in Fraternity hall on March 18th. The Young People's Club has had many pleasant occasions of a social character, especially their jolly Christmas Festival. The Photography Class has also had its outings. Our neighborhood visiting is perhaps our weakest feature, yet it ought to be our strongest. The cause is simply a lack of time and strength on the part of our little force of workers. Yet something has been done in this direction and we have made many calls on those needing our aid and sympathy.

HOSPITALITIES.

One of the pleasant features of the Parker Memorial is the hospitality it extends to other societies engaged in the work of human improvement. The following organizations have been granted the use of halls in the Parker Memorial on one or more occasions during the past year:—Boston Fruit and Flower Mission (twice weekly from May 20th to October 17th); Martha and Mary Club (once weekly from October 27th to April 26); Sphinx Club (every Saturday, October to May); Free Religious Association, Hale House, Denison House, South End House, Kindergarten Teachers, Molinero School (colored), St. Mark's Church (colored), Boston Historical and Educational Association (colored); Colored Men's Convention, First Church Girls' Fraternity, Arlington Street Church Girls' Club, Good Templars' District Lodges, Federation of Young People's Religious Unions, Liberia School Committee, Boston Ministerial Association, and The Ministerial Union.

BENEVOLENT ACTIVITIES.

An important feature of our church is its benevolent and relief work. The minister and his assistants are at the church all day and evening to receive and listen to applicants, and comfort and help them according to their need and our ability. Besides securing a large amount of aid from other charitable agencies in the city, especially from the Associated Charities, with which we are very closely affiliated, assistance in money, food and shelter, amounting to some hundreds of dollars was given to those in need during the year, the main sources of our supply being the Tuckerman Circle, which makes our Benevolent Fraternity ministers the agents of its beneficence, and our own relief fund. Many were also clothed from supplies sent us by various churches, Women's Alliances and individual donors. Two hundred bags of coke and some coal was stored in our cellar and distributed by the Associated Charities of the district. At Thanksgiving and Christmas especially many were made happy.

In response to the annual Thanksgiving appeal sent to a number of Unitarian country parishes in Massachusetts, a large supply

of provisions, vegetables, fruits, jellies, groceries, pies, cake, etc., was sent us, besides a considerable amount of money. For the three days preceding Thanksgiving the force of workers at the Parker was occupied in receiving, assorting, and distributing the goods so generously contributed. Some scores of baskets, each containing the materials for a dinner, except the conventional turkey, in whose stead, in most cases, was an envelope containing a dollar bill, were sent to as many deserving families and single women keeping house. So large had been the response that a goodly portion of the gifts sent were transferred to the other South End Branch of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, the Morgan Memorial, where the same scenes were repeated. At 12.30 on Thanksgiving Day some twenty or thirty persons, mostly young men from country homes, now at work in Boston, and connected with the social and religious life of the Parker Memorial, sat down to a well-provided table as the guests of REV. CHARLES W. and MRS. WENDTE. Among the toasts was a hearty one to the generous donors whose gifts made possible the good cheer of the occasion.

Among the Unitarian Churches and Sunday Schools which responded to the Parker Memorial appeal were those at Arlington, Belmont, Billerica, Bolton, Braintree, Brewster, Brookfield, Brockton, Brookline, Canton, Cohasset, Concord, Danvers, East Bridgewater, East Lexington, Hopedale, Lancaster, Leominster, Lexington, Littleton, Medfield, Northboro, Randolph, Sandwich, Wayland, Westdale, and West Bridgewater.

The Martha and Mary Club has met every Monday during seven months of the year in Fraternity Hall to prepare and give out sewing to needy women. In May it held also a successful sale in furtherance of its work. This also is a long-continued and most meritorious service, dating back for many years.

Perhaps the most unique feature of our philanthropic work was the City Day for Country Children held on September 26, 1902, under our auspices. This was largely a philanthropic experiment, modelled after the same Danish example from which the "Country Week" was derived. Fourteen thousand country children are thus

entertained in Copenhagen annually. We began modestly with forty-seven children from Milford, N. H., carefully selected by the REV. C. W. CASSON and others from the public schools of that town. Only two of them had ever before seen a city. Under the charge of MR. CASSON and three school teachers they arrived in Boston, and were met at the station by the Minister of the Parker Memorial and his assistant, MR. H. B. BURLINGAME. Despite a steady rain barges were taken to points of historic interest—Faneuil Hall, Christ Church, Copp's Hill, T Wharf, the tenement house district, Old State House, and after luncheon and rest at the Parker, to the Public Library, Public Garden, Common, and State House, and by the Elevated to the station in time for the return journey at five o'clock. The enjoyment of the children was keen, and the lessons they learned lasting, as their increased interest in their studies, the historical course especially, has revealed. The cost of the excursion was defrayed by interested friends.

This account of the benevolent activities of the year may close with the mention that the minister has conducted fourteen funerals and five weddings during the year. Three of these were conducted from the Parker Memorial—Miss R. H. Clapp, Mr. Charles Wellington, and Joseph W. Arnold. He has also preached and made religious addresses in fourteen city and suburban pulpits beside his own, and lectured and made general addresses on twenty-one other occasions in and out of the city.



CHANNING CHURCH.

Cottage Street, near Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.

In charge, REV. JOHN B. W. DAY, Dorchester.

The minister of the Channing Church, REV. H. H. SAUNDERSON, having resigned his charge at the close of the year 1902, candidates for the position were listened to with the result that REV. JOHN B. W. DAY, of Amherst, Mass., was selected in February, 1903, by a vote of the parish, a choice the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches took pleasure in confirming. The new minister began his work March 1st, and was installed on the evening of March 18th. MR. DAY reports as follows:

During my two months' stay the regular activities of the parish have gone on.

The Woman's Alliance, a strong and helpful organization, has held its meetings regularly. It is already making preparations for the work of next season. On the evening of the eighteenth of April, it tendered a reception to the new minister. Through its efforts a new Sunday School library has been recently opened.

The Sunday School, under the direction of Mr. E. N. BAGG, its devoted and energetic superintendent, is steadily growing. In fact, it has increased so rapidly as to outgrow its present corps of teachers. On Easter Sunday the school held its first concert. At the conclusion of the service plants were distributed to all the children. On the 26th of April it commemorated Arbor Day by the planting of trees on the church grounds.

Of the work of the Boys' Club too much cannot be said. This club meets Friday evening of each week. Under the direction of Mr. H. R. STEPHENS, the boys have been interested in light gymnastics. A basket-ball team and a friendly contest with that of a neighboring church, have helped to keep the interest of the members.

I cannot close without calling your attention to the fact referred to in the report of last year, namely the lack of a large assembly room for social purposes. As Mr. SAUNDERSON mentioned last year, we have completely outgrown the present Sunday School room. Until recently the entire Sunday School has not been meeting together, the reason being that no room has been large enough to contain all the classes.

The difficulty has been somewhat remedied for the present by using the main room of the church for this purpose. We cannot, however, use the church room for entertainments and kindred affairs. Our present Sunday School room will seat but one hundred. When we can easily gather three times this number for every entertainment, it is distressing that our efforts should be limited for lack of room. It seems especially needful for the next winter's work that we should have a social hall capable of seating from three to four hundred people. Under our present conditions our efforts are hampered, our opportunities to increase our income limited, and some work is rendered absolutely impossible. It is hoped that the board will realize our situation and offer some remedy for our difficulty.

JOHN DAY.

SUMMER WORK, 1903.

During the summer months the activities of the various branches of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches are much curtailed. While the buildings remain open, the hours of service are usually shortened, and recreation has a larger following in them than labor or self-improvement. Clubs, classes and lecture courses are largely suspended. Heads and employes of chapels, teachers and pupils, volunteer workers and visitors take a well-earned and needed vacation, which is all the more enjoyable to them because, owing to their own exertions and those of coöperating philanthropies, the people connected with their chapels and schools are also privileged to enjoy their outings and weeks of country rest.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

The Parker Memorial reports that its Mothers' Club held two pleasant picnics, one at Waverley Oaks, with twenty-five present, including several children, and another at Nantasket, with twenty-one adults in attendance. Two families, including eight persons, were cared for at the Mothers' Rest in Newton Highlands for two weeks. Another Parker Memorial party of sixteen women enjoyed a week's vacation at Shirley in Miss Cordner's summer colony. The Young People's Club arranged evening electric excursions, and through the thoughtful kindness of the Boston Elevated system some three hundred electric car tickets were received for free distribution. The Boston Young Men's Christian Union also provided a number of carriage rides for our invalids. In charge of three gentlemen friends, fifty Parker boys and girls were taken on one of the city Randidge excursions. The Parker Memorial was open all day throughout the summer. MR. WENDTE was accorded a longer leave of absence than usual, being away eleven weeks in July, August and September, which he spent in Europe. Meanwhile, REV. GEORGE R. DODSON took his place as minister-at-large at the Parker, conducting funerals and weddings and answering

calls for pastoral and humane service. The call for free ice for the sick was not as large as usual; owing to the coolness of the season only eighty-seven orders were filled. Jellies were also sent to invalids, physicians secured, and cases of need attended to, the Poor's Purse of the Fraternity having made an appropriation for this purpose, employment was found and no little visiting was done. The Boston Fruit and Flower Mission held its regular semi-weekly sessions in Fraternity Hall and twenty-five thousand bouquets were distributed. The Public Library Station and Reading Room in the building was open all summer, afternoons and evenings. Finally, we have to note a new feature, the Parker Memorial Field Club. This club was organized in June last by Mr. F. W. BIRCHALL, who has been its inspiring leader. To his fraternal spirit and enthusiasm for both nature and art, its success has been chiefly owing. Its objects are recreative rather than scientific, yet collections of plants and herbs and geological specimens were made and animal and bird life studied. Many photographs were taken, the microscope used, Ruskin and other nature writers were read from, and conversations held. During the past summer the club, which numbers some fifteen or twenty members, had several delightful outings, visiting in turn, mostly on Saturdays, beautiful localities at Woburn, Stony Brook, Marblehead Neck, Waverley and Codman's Woods. At the latter place they were favored with the guidance of Mr. LINDSEY SWIFT. On Labor Day a rally was held at Maynard, in the vicinity of Concord, where a most enjoyable time was had.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

REV. C. R. ELIOT reports that at Bulfinch Place Church the regular Sunday services were held all summer except during August, when its people were invited to worship at King's Chapel. The church was open every day (August included) for the reception of visitors, flower mission work, or the summer playroom. A great many baskets of flowers were received and distributed in the workshops and homes of the neighborhood. The playroom continued for seven weeks, with a usual attendance of 150 children,

chiefly Italians and Jews. Many vacations were provided for young women and children, otherwise unable to enjoy such a season of rest. Visiting among the sick and needy was faithfully continued. The minister or one of his assistants was always at hand to answer calls of friendly or religious service.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

It remains for us to give some account of the varied and important activities at Morgan Memorial during the heated term. With few exceptions its activities went on as usual, and the fitness of its new building for the manifold uses for which it was erected received a gratifying attestation. MR. HELMS, who, giving up his much-needed and well-deserved summer vacation, devoted himself so completely to this cause, should receive our warm commendation. MR. HELMS reports as follows:

1. *Open Air Work.* Nearly every night this summer we have held an open air gospel and temperance meeting in front of a large saloon near the chapel. The audiences have been unusually large, the attention excellent, and many have followed inside to the evening meetings and have there signed the pledge and made a new start to a right life.

Sunday afternoons we have also held gospel temperance meetings on Boston Common. More than 200 signed the pledge as a result of the work on the Common.

Some of our temperance workers have responded to calls to hold rallies at Quincy Point, Orient Heights, Allston and Dorchester. The meetings were well attended and requests have been made for them to return.

2. *Indoor Work.* With the exception of our Industrial School, music school and three clubs, all our regular work has continued throughout the summer. The attendance at all meetings has been larger than usual in summer.

3. *Children and Fresh Air.* Our Day Nursery and some other very needy small children spent the months of July and August at Melrose. By means of the Country Week, the Deaconess Home, Milton Convalescent Home, Newton Home, and some contributions

of private individuals we have been able to get about 200 children into God's out-of-doors for a week or more.

The Allston and Brighton Fresh Air Mission and the City Randidge Excursions and private picnic parties enabled us to take more than 800 more into the country for a day.

A score or more tired and sick and aged adults have also been rested and relieved.

All our missionaries, except the minister, have been able to get two weeks or more of rest.

CHANNING CHURCH.

REV. MR. DAY reports: I have the honor to present the following report in regard to the work at Channing Church for the past summer:

At its annual meeting held in May the congregation of Channing Church voted to assume the responsibility for the running expenses of the parish for the coming year. This does not include the minister's salary. This is a large undertaking, yet the parish has begun its new year confident that it will meet its financial obligations.

The church was closed during the months of July and August. This has proved a wise measure, inasmuch as the congregation scatters during the summer months. October 1 found all our activities in running order. The Sunday School has suffered severe losses by the removals and deaths of several of its efficient workers. Our inability to fill these places up to the present time has somewhat hampered our work. Two new clubs have been formed this fall. A Boys' Club has been organized under the name of the Channing Cadets. Military drill is a feature of its meetings. A Girls' Club, the Channing Juvenile Society, has been formed. Its purpose is to promote the social and charitable spirit of our church. The present condition of these two organizations is most encouraging.

NORTH END UNION.

MISS BARKER, the resident worker, reports:

The summer work of the North End Union for 1903 included,

as usual, the distribution of flowers twice a week, excursions, neighborhood visiting, etc.

Over 2260 bouquets were sent out, the majority direct to the homes of those known personally to the resident worker. These were joyful errands for the little flower girls because of the glad appreciation expressed by each and every one. To all friends from the fifteen different towns contributing who assisted in any way we add our most grateful thanks. In fact, this flower ministry serves to accomplish a double purpose, for besides carrying the blossoms the little messengers bring back much information, reporting sudden illness or distress and emergencies of every kind. Thus the resident worker is kept in close touch with the many families represented in the various departments.

Nine excursions were made, to Norumbega Park, Point of Pines, Revere Beach, etc., and 280 different children, working girls and mothers given a day's outing. We are especially indebted to the Elevated Railroad for free tickets and also to the Newton Street Railway Company who again, as in the past, generously provided special cars and Norumbega Park privileges. Three times during the season we were given this opportunity.

Vacations of a week or ten days were secured for many through the Country Week and Lend-a-Hand Society. From a carefully selected list of especially needy children and mothers about fifty were provided for. Several special vacation cases were also cared for by friends.

We wish to particularly emphasize a most important fact in regard to this summer work, namely, that it is not in any sense distinct or apart from our whole general plan. Through the cordial relationship steadily maintained in this way by the resident worker all our industrial and social activities are developed from year to year and only from actual knowledge of family conditions, needs, etc., are pupils admitted to the various classes.

BOSTON COMMON PREACHING.

The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches conducted the usual open-air services on Boston Common on Sunday afternoons from June 7th to September 13th inclusive. An excellent list of speak-

ers had been secured by the Corresponding Secretary, MR. WENDTE, who is charged with the care of these services. Our Unitarian clergy, for the most part, displayed a commendable readiness to give their services to this cause. Two ministers, and sometimes three, took part in each service, and only one of the thirty-two clergymen announced failed to keep his appointment. The topics were chosen by the speakers themselves and were usually of a practical religious nature. The music was led by a cornet, and leaflets containing a selection of hymns were distributed. Two obstacles interfered with the complete success of the meetings. First, the frequent rainy or damp weather, which, on three Sundays out of the fifteen, prevented any service whatever being held and thinned the audience on other occasions. Secondly, re-location of the bandstand of the city Sunday afternoon concerts to within a short distance of our place of meeting, necessitating a half-hour's postponement of our service. Nevertheless the attendance at our services was very satisfactory, ranging from one to three hundred. There was close attention to the speakers and even applause. The worship part of the services was conducted in turn by REVS. C. R. ELIOT, GEORGE R. DODSON, and C. W. WENDTE. The expense of the series was \$80.90, a reduction from last year's expense of nearly one-half. In general it may be said that it seems worth while to keep up these services. They place us in touch with certain elements not likely to enter our churches; they are a demonstration of a brotherly spirit and sympathy with the masses on the part of our Unitarian fellowship; they afford our ministers an opportunity for the practice of plain and direct speech on religious topics. About twenty per cent. of the hearers are quite regular in their attendance, the rest are casual listeners of every nationality and creed, social grade and intellectual capacity. It is impossible that the service should not, as a whole, produce a good impression on such, and some of the earnest words spoken bear fruit for a manly, righteous and believing life.

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BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

HISTORY, AIMS AND METHODS.

Dr. Joseph Tuckerman began his labors as a minister-at-large in Boston in 1826. He was at first supported by individual contributions. In 1827 his work was taken in charge by the AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION; and regular reports were made to that body. It was found desirable to place this growing work on a different basis; and the Association transferred its supervision to what is now known as the BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES, which has carried on the enterprise ever since. This body was founded in 1834 by delegates from the Unitarian churches of Boston, and incorporated in 1839. To-day it represents a distinct organized work of the Unitarian denomination in Boston, through the several channels of philanthropy, education, worship, and free church privileges. It aims in every true sense to be a Ministry-at-Large. The churches representing the "Fraternity" are situated at widely contrasted localities in the city. In each case the plan is carried out of fitting the activities to that particular region.

A summary of the different methods employed in carrying out its plans would contain nearly everything that comes within the scope of Christian civilization. The Fraternity carries on industrial training, free lecture courses, gymnasiums, reading-rooms, clubs and classes, and all modern helps to good citizenship. On the other hand, it maintains preaching, Sunday-schools, pastoral relations with the sick and poor, and whatsoever belongs to a living Christian church. It is the "Fraternity's" province to care for the churchless, whether rich or poor; and it seeks to provide facilities for the people who are either indifferent to church life and work

or have become alienated. In other words, it seeks by a flexible and all-around manner to be the Ministry-at-Large of the Unitarian churches of Boston. The means for this wide and varied work are provided by funds which have been steadily growing through bequests since the "Fraternity's" origin, and also by annual donations from most of the Unitarian churches in the city of Boston. The conduct of its affairs has been so discreet in the past that it has won confidence from all sources. Although under the auspices of the Unitarian churches, it is unsectarian, and aims to instil those truths which lead to character, and to spread the influences which tend to create self-respect, self-support, and genuine religious faith. Some of our best-known leaders in religious and moral movements have been associated with this organization, such as Channing, Gannett, Henry Ware, Parkman, Barrett, S. K. Lothrop, Robbins, Starr King, J. F. W. Ware, Henry P. Kidder, Charles Faulkner, and Rufus Ellis. Recognizing the claims and opportunities of modern life in a city like Boston, the "Fraternity," while it seeks to preserve all the merits of the past ways of carrying on missionary work, desires at the same time to add thereto new methods and enlarged plans.

DELEGATE MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

The Annual Meeting of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches is on the first Sunday in May, at which time the officers for the year are chosen. The contributions of branches should be paid before the first day of May, when the financial year begins. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

The delegates of the churches represented in the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches are divided into Committees, serving two months. Each Committee, during its time, visits the various Chapels and Sunday-schools. A list of the delegates will be found in the Appendix.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED MAY 1, 1904.

The lapse of seventy years finds the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the city of Boston still engaged in the philanthropic and religious activities for which it has been so long and favorably known in this community. Its labors during the past year especially, in their extent and variety, in the new features introduced, and their manifestation of vigorous life, will show, as we hope to prove by the reports of the different departments of our work which follow, that we are not unfaithful custodians of the great trust which has been committed to us.

SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

Before entering into the details of our stewardship, some general reflections on the nature and aim of our Association may be in order. The worker in the field of social amelioration and improvement, in proportion as he is in earnest with his vocation, is at times overcome with a sense of the inadequacy and hopelessness of his endeavors. Not only does he painfully realize his own insufficiency for the great tasks which await him. He finds still greater cause for discouragement in the nature of the existing social and industrial order. He notes the present unfair and unequal distribution of the goods, the opportunities and the privileges of life, the unjust economic arrangements and oppressive legislation which are the outcome of selfish and unbrotherly action on the part of dominant classes in times past and present. He traces the inevitable result in class hostilities and industrial feuds, in race-hatreds and religious prejudices, in wide-spread poverty, squalor, sickness, misery, vice, and crime. Such are

the appalling, overwhelming obstacles which confront the philanthropist and social reformer as he seeks to mitigate the evils of modern society and ameliorate the lot of the masses of mankind. No wonder if, in the presence of these great maladjustments and wrongs by which so large a section of the human family is made to suffer, the most devoted humanitarian should at times lose heart, and feel as if his most intelligent and self-sacrificing efforts were of little avail, as if he were a mere pygmy butting against a wall of stone with a straw! It becomes increasingly evident to him that more radical treatment is needed for the eradication of the social miseries of civilization,—a course which will not be content with palliative measures, with merely relieving some of the more apparent and easily reached consequences of man's ignorance and moral weakness. The causes which breed these evils must be attacked: they must be prevented at their source. A more enlightened public opinion must be created, a more democratic and brotherly spirit awakened. These must lead to juster laws, better industrial and economic relations, higher forms of institutional life. Only so can human society be redeemed from its present inequality, injustice, suffering, and wretchedness, only so can it approach the divine ideal set before it in that fundamental Christian teaching,—the common brotherhood of man and the universal Fatherhood of God.

In this work of social regeneration all existing forces for the betterment of man must unite. It is a holy war, in which there can be no substitution and no mustering out. The legislature and the bench, the college and the church, the philanthropist and the reformer, the man of finance and the apostle of science, the captain of industry and the labor leader, the wisest statesman and the humblest voter, all men and all women, have alike their part to perform, their contribution to make in this campaign. They must prevent at their very inception the mistaken and selfish courses of conduct which become the initial causes of social injustice and distress, and so act and legislate as to lift mankind to

higher planes of material well-being and personal virtue and happiness.

And this is actually being done the world over. Everywhere in civilized society we behold a great movement going on, led by the large-hearted and progressive spirits of the race, for the betterment of the social order, the equalization of opportunity, the readjustment of industrial and economic conditions, for a purer democracy, and the devotion of the strong to the service of the weak. One of the greatest triumphs of the principle of human fraternity and equality won in the last century was the abolition of slavery. The opening of the twentieth century seems to presage the end of the barbarous practice of settling international disputes by deeds of human slaughter. May we not be encouraged to believe that the same method of friendly arbitration of differences shall, in the near future, be extended also to labor disputes, and the present industrial friction and hostility be exchanged for justice, peace, and good will?

THE WORK OF AMELIORATION.

The world ever advances in wisdom and social justice; but, it must be admitted, it advances very slowly. It has taken many centuries to bring about the present unsatisfactory and oppressive conditions. It may well take centuries more to transform and improve them. But what, in the mean time, is to become of the victims of these conditions? Who is to relieve their necessities, mitigate their distress, console their sorrows, reassure their faltering faith in hours of trial and temptation? Human love and beneficence alone can do this, under the guidance of that religion which tells us that, inasmuch as we have done it unto one of the least of our brethren, we have done it unto Him. It is this conviction of the necessity and beauty of brotherly service,—to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, which, despite all doubts and discouragements, reassures and inspires the charity worker. He realizes that,

while the improvement of society as a whole is the ideal of humanitarian endeavor, this does not preclude the amelioration of the existing evils of society. It includes it rather. If we were to remain indifferent to the individual cases of human suffering we behold, how could we attain to the larger sympathy which takes all mankind into its loving thought and care? The best way to gain the strength and insight necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of the social evils of our day is to faithfully practise our virtue in relieving their consequences.

Certain critics of the philanthropic methods of society charge that they tend to enfeeble both those who receive and those who administer this bounty. They make the recipients of it content, or at least passive, under the most intolerable conditions of the social and industrial order,—conditions which they ought rather to protest and rise up against. They impart to the bestower of charity a self-satisfaction and an easy sense of duty done and merit achieved, which effectually prevent any larger view of social obligation or any attempt to deal with the deeper causes of human misery. This criticism might be valid against antiquated and ecclesiastical forms of charity administration, but is no longer so against the enlightened principles of modern charitable endeavor. The system which chooses for its motto the sentiment "Not alms, but a friend," whose main purpose is to promote self-help and self-respect, which builds up individual character, encourages the love of home and family, and inculcates temperance and good citizenship, is not justly chargeable with the degeneration of society. As a matter of fact, it is precisely the advocates and leaders of this new method of charity organization who are the most prominent and effective agitators in the field of social and industrial reform. But, even if the charge were measurably true, would the opponents of public and private charity counsel its abandonment? Would they dare to take the responsibility for the vast distress and suffering which would ensue? Even if an ideal order of society can be conceived, and possibly, at

some far-distant day, inaugurated, in which want and distress shall be done away or be reduced to their lowest limits, this does not acquit the well-to-do, intelligent, and dominant elements of society from their present duty of uplifting the poor, the unfortunate, and the afflicted, and caring for the weaker members of the social organism.

INDIVIDUAL REGENERATION.

It was the profound consciousness of this duty which led, three-quarters of a century ago, to the formation of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in Boston. The latter was intended as an expression of human sympathy and obligation, a rallying-point of associated efforts for the dispensation of charity and the inculcation of virtue and piety among the depressed elements of the community. And this suggests a second leading purpose of our Ministry-at-Large. It not only seeks to relieve the temporal wants and mitigate the sufferings of the unfortunate who are brought to its attention: it also appeals to their intelligence and conscience, their affections and will. It does not deal with them in masses: it addresses them as individuals. It looks upon them as morally responsible beings, capable of self-recovery and self-help, and with unlimited possibilities of growth in virtue, character, and holiness. From this point of view the maladjustments and evils under which human society suffers to-day are not solely the product of the selfishness and unscrupulousness of the dominant classes. In at least equal degree they result from the indolence and self-indulgence, the unthrift and recklessness, the folly and moral weakness of the masses themselves. Any system of social reconstruction which ignores this, which bases its hopes of a better future solely on legislation and large schemes for the improvement of the external conditions under which men live together, will assuredly fail. Whatever improvements may be made with respect to the distribution of wealth and the equalization of opportunity, there will always be stragglers

left behind in the onward march of humanity. The wilfully ignorant, the lazy, the improvident, the victims of passion and appetite, will remain then, as now, the unsaved remnant which blocks the way of social betterment, and is ever the object of pity, restraint, and Christian endeavor.

Is it not apparent that to deal with these interior evils we must attack them from within? We must touch the inward springs of character. Prompted by human sympathy, we must make our appeal to the individual reason and conscience and heart. We must act upon the belief that "there are moral forces in human nature potent enough, if they can be roused into action, to transform the individual character, and to subdue the evils and develop the good of which human society is capable." To morally and spiritually arouse the poor and unfortunate, to inculcate virtue and temperance, to inspire hope and friendliness, to redeem them individually from poverty, vice, and sin, to transform their dirty and neglected homes into cleanly and orderly ones, to alleviate domestic inharmony, to brighten the lives of the children, to impart the consolation and cheer of religious faith to those who have lost or perhaps never known its inspiring power,—in a word, to prove that the inward power of character is adequate to conquer the adverse pressure of personal circumstances,—this is the privilege and aim of the Ministry-at-Large. The results of such a ministry may seem, at times, inadequate in proportion to the exertions put forth; but we who conduct and support it are not held responsible for its results, but for the intelligence, earnestness, unselfishness, and loving kindness of our endeavors.

RELIGIOUS APPEAL.

With this conviction the Benevolent Fraternity in all its branches maintains religious services, and finds in religion the central inspiration of its endeavors. The present religious conditions in the city of Boston are distinctly unfavorable to this purpose. Its population, of which three-fourths

is of foreign birth or parentage, is divided into many different forms of religious belief and worship. This makes the religious part of our ministry increasingly difficult. It is claimed that 52 per cent. of the population of Boston is Roman Catholic in faith. This is the very element with which charity workers in our city are most often called to deal. To attempt any religious work among this element would subject those Protestants who should essay it to suspicion and hostility. For this reason, in many instances, the settlements and other philanthropic agencies at work among the poor refrain from any allusion to religious topics, except in the most general and casual way. The ministers-at-large supported by the Benevolent Fraternity have not been willing to make this concession, and because of their refusal have doubtless circumscribed their activity among certain classes of the community. But they have the satisfaction of knowing that their usefulness to other elements of the population has been all the greater. They have been enabled through their public services and private ministrations to bring the power of divine and regenerative truth to bear upon the hearts and consciences of the reckless, intemperate, and irreligious, and its support and consolations to the tempted, the afflicted, and the solitary. In the early days of the Ministry-at-Large this was the chief function of its clergy. We read, in the reports of a Tuckerman, a Ware, a Waterston, and a Sargent, of three Sunday and numerous week-day services of religion, of prayer-meetings at the humble homes of their parishioners, of ministerial visitations and exhortations to piety and virtue. Our methods to-day have changed. Educational, industrial, recreative, and co-operative features have been added to the work of our chapels which formed no part of the programme of our earlier missionaries. Yet we believe that the spirit of piety and love which distinguished the earlier ministers of the Benevolent Fraternity has not departed from its present force of workers, but is the vital nerve of all their endeavors.

Turning now to a brief consideration of the reports of our

ministers-at-large, we are reminded of the truism that the life of institutions, like that of individual men, is a process of readjustment to a constantly changing environment. Through the exercise of intelligence, energy, and good will to make this readaptation as promptly and effectively, and with as little friction and loss as possible, this is the test of vigorous and successful institutional life. In the city of Boston to-day rapid and great changes in the composition and growth of its population necessitate corresponding adaptations in the equipment and work of our Fraternity.

THE NORTH END UNION.

One of the longest established of our chapels, was the first to feel this necessity. As the Parmenter Street Mission, it was conducted for years on the usual missionary lines, with Sabbath services, Sunday-schools, and various philanthropic adjuncts. The influx of foreign elements, driving out the American and Protestant residents, compelled, some years since, an entire reconstruction of its work. Surrounded by Jewish and Roman Catholic populations, the latter chiefly Italians, it became necessary to provide for their wants. Moreover, in this reconstruction the interests and welfare of the children must be made paramount. Mr. Booth in his famous work on the poor of London finds that, taking London as a whole, it is the children who are most responsive. Everywhere the charity worker is confronted by empty, over-staffed churches and crowded under-staffed schools. This is true to an even greater degree in Boston, because its adult population is so largely of foreign birth, unfamiliar with the English language, and often illiterate in its own. For this reason, lecture courses, reading-rooms, and similar agencies do not largely attract the adult foreigner among us. But no such obstacle is encountered with their children and youth. Educated for the most part in our public schools, ardently American in their sentiments, ambitious, hungering for knowledge, eager for play, gregarious by instinct, affectionate, and

grateful for the opportunities given them,—in the children of foreigners we find the responsive and plastic element for our most earnest endeavors. For them chiefly the North End Union maintains its reading and play rooms, its kindergartens, its industrial and other classes, its gymnasium and bath-rooms, its neighborhood visiting and summer excursions.

Even from a religious point of view this branch is able to accomplish not a little. Every Sunday afternoon it gathers



**BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY'S (NORTH END UNION) SUMMER CAMP
FOR BOYS, BRIDGTON, ME.**

two hundred children, nearly all of Jewish extraction, and imparts to them lessons in righteousness, temperance, charity and good citizenship, with such insistence on the simple and basic truths of religion as the composition of the school makes advisable.

The present year will witness the inauguration of still another agency,—a summer camp in the Maine woods for young men and boys, which the thoughtful generosity of

one of the local directors of the North End Union, Mr. Leonard Tufts, makes possible. As Superintendent Hubbard is not quite ready to occupy it with the company of young men over seventeen years of age, for whom it was primarily designed, it has been suggested that during the coming summer all the branches of the Benevolent Fraternity be invited to make use of its advantages as a summer camp for boys under seventeen connected with their various chapels. The North End Union has received this proposal in a friendly spirit, and committees have been appointed to make the necessary arrangements.*

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

The longest established of our chapels, Bulfinch Place, is the lineal descendant of the movement inaugurated by Dr. Tuckerman. After seventy-five years of adherence to the aims and methods of the past, with such modifications as experience and wisdom dictated, it has, during the past year, given evidence of the abundant life in its working force by taking what seems to be a new departure, and one full of potential good for the neighborhood in which it is situated. The influx of colored and foreign elements into the West End has, during the past twenty-five years, wrought great changes in its population. The latter is now overwhelmingly foreign. A recent canvass of the public school attendance west of Cambridge Street yielded a surprising result as regards the religious affiliations of the children. In round numbers there were 75 Protestants, 250 Roman Catholics (presumably many others attended the parochial schools of the district), and 3,500 Jews. Set as it is in the midst of this seething sea of divergent nationalities, languages, and customs, it has for some time past been apparent that our Bulfinch Place Mission was called to a larger service to the neighborhood. It has naturally felt reluctant to surrender, in any large degree, the precious memories and methods of the past or to lose its present constituency and sphere of usefulness. Although weakened by constant removals from

*A fuller report of this new enterprise will be found on pages 40 and 64.

the district, so great has been the attachment of the membership to Rev. Mr. Winkley, the pastor emeritus, to the present minister and staff, and to the chapel itself, that, taking advantage of the remarkable transportation facilities from our suburbs, its constituency has continued its relations with Bulfinch Place, despite removal from the district. It is evident, however, that, despite their attachment and loyalty to this church, the bonds that unite them to it must in the near future be gradually weakened, and the mission itself imperilled. Rev. Mr. Eliot, realizing this, has wisely sought a solution of the problem by turning his attention to the immediate and pressing needs of the neighborhood, with whose characteristics and requirements the district visiting of his assistant, Miss Stokes, has made him still better acquainted. With the full consent of our Executive Committee and the hearty co-operation of the congregation and friends of Bulfinch Place Church, he has undertaken the work of reconstructing and remodelling the present edifice, so as to make it better fitted for the work which he designs to accomplish for the depressed elements at the West End. Wealthy and well-disposed friends have generously responded to his personal canvass for funds. The total cost of reconstruction will amount to \$14,000, of which nearly \$12,000 is already assured. It is hoped to let the contracts this spring, and occupy the new quarters in the autumn. Precisely what effect this new direction of the labors at Bulfinch Place will have on the ministry now carried on there, or what special methods shall be undertaken to promote the new scheme, are not yet apparent. But it is gratifying to note such signs of vigor and far-sighted purpose in this oldest of our institutions. The warm acknowledgments of the delegates and directors of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches are due to Rev. C. R. Eliot and his coadjutors and to a generous public.

CHANNING CHURCH.

Of Channing Church, Dorchester, we can only report that it pursues the quiet tenor of its way. The new and beautiful chapel is greatly enjoyed, but in its provisions for the social life of the parish proves all too limited. The Sunday-school and parish activities are badly cramped for want of room. The purchase of a small parcel of land adjoining, and the extension of the Sunday-school annex, has been suggested.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

Morgan Memorial hardly needs a word to be spoken for it, so eloquently does it speak for itself. In religious and humanitarian zeal, in variety, comprehensiveness, picturesqueness, and popularity, it is exceeded by none of our branches. Rev. E. J. Helms, its pastor, has a genius for missionary work among the masses, and his devotion to his task often makes us apprehensive concerning his health. The financial affairs of this branch have occupied a large share of the thought and time of the Executive Committee during the past year. To conduct a joint mission with another religious body differing with us in religious belief and methods is of itself a delicate and difficult matter. But our Methodist friends have shown the greatest good will and a breadth of view equal to our own. The real cause for embarrassment is the ever-increasing expenditures of Morgan Memorial, caused by the expansion of its work.

The consequence of this increase of expenditure, as well as the enlarged appropriation required for the conduct of the Parker Memorial on its new lines, have for three years past resulted in an annual deficit to our treasury, which last year amounted to \$6,191.25. This year the deficit, thanks to increased gifts from our churches and from individuals, is some \$2,000 less. It is a serious question, however, whether we can much longer continue to face so serious a drain upon

our invested funds, even when these have been given without restriction.

THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

Finally, we come to the affairs of the Theodore Parker Memorial. With the completion of the third year of its new management, the term originally determined upon for its trial as the centre of our Ministry-at-Large at the South End has come to a close. After careful consideration of its work for the three past years and its present activities and outlook, the Executive Committee recently voted, with cordial unanimity, to continue this work on the lines already laid down.

The Committee were prompted to this decision in part by the sound condition of the work itself and its growing usefulness, in part by the consideration that, through the approaching withdrawal of the Church of the Disciples from the South End, this large and populous district, which still contains more native Americans and Protestants than any other, except possibly the Back Bay quarter, will be left with no other Unitarian church services than those afforded by the Parker Memorial. The successive closing or transfer of the South Congregational, Hollis Street, the Church of the Unity, the New South, and now the Church of the Disciples and the Every-day Church, would seem to make it imperative that one church, at least, of the liberal order should be maintained in this neighborhood. The Parker Memorial seems fairly well situated and equipped to meet this need. Its Sunday evening congregation and general membership is predominately American, and appear to be slowly solidifying into permanent attendants and workers. A Sunday-school is to be undertaken this autumn. By pastoral visiting, and in other churchly ways, the effort will be made to build up the religious and congregational side of the work. A gratifying feature of this work is that a number of its activities are self-sustaining, the total home income for the year amounting to \$2,043.

It should be mentioned that a proposal was made last summer that, in the interests of economy and the improvement of our religious activities at the South End, a combination be effected between the Church of the Disciples and the Parker Memorial. Both edifices were to be sold, and a new church and institutional house erected in the neighborhood of Symphony Hall. Committees were appointed, and friendly conferences held. The Church of the Disciples finally declined to entertain the proposition on the ground that it would interfere with its plans, already made, for a location in The Fenway District. This negotiation may have given the impression to some that dissatisfaction with the present location and work of the Parker Memorial had suggested it. But it was prompted solely by a desire to enlarge and glorify that work under even more favorable auspices, and to advance the general interests of our cause in this city.

At the suggestion of the Unitarian Sunday School Society the staff of the Parker Memorial undertook last autumn the planting of a new Sunday-school near the Fenway. A basement room in the New England Conservatory of Music Building, on the corner of St. Botolph and Gainsborough Streets, was the best place of meeting that could be secured. The Unitarian Sunday School Society provided manuals and text-books. Eight Unitarian churches in Boston contributed toward the cost of maintenance. The school has now been six months in existence. In spite of attractive text-books and experienced and devoted teachers, it has not grown to any large dimensions. Thirty-two pupils have been enrolled, eight officers and teachers, and a dozen adults in the Bible class. The children all come from two or three streets in the immediate neighborhood, and belong to well-to-do families.

BOSTON COMMON PREACHING.

During the summer of 1904 open-air services on Boston Common have been conducted, as usual, from June 5 to September 11, inclusive. These meetings have been in general

charge of Rev. C. W. Wendte, aided by Rev. Messrs. Christopher Eliot and W. S. Key. The following speakers kindly gave their services: Rev. Messrs. Charles F. Dole, Edward D. Towle, George F. Pratt, Thomas Van Ness, Henry T. Secrist (twice), and George W. Cutter, Mr. F. W. Birchall, Rev. Messrs. E. J. Helms, W. W. Peck, E. B. Maglathlin, E. S. Wiers, W. H. Savary, Mr. Richard Humphreys, Rev. Messrs. C. R. Eliot (twice), J. F. Meyer, J. N. Pardee, W. S. Key, B. F. McDaniel, B. R. Bulkeley, J. T. Sunderland, C. G. Miller, W. S. Jones, Carlton A. Staples, and Charles W. Wendte (four times). The singing was led by a cornet, and leaflets containing the hymns were distributed. A large quantity of tracts was distributed and eagerly taken; but few, alas! were found suitable for this work. Only on one Sunday was the service intermitted because of bad weather. The average attendance was about two hundred, mostly men, and no one could desire a more attentive and reverent audience. About 20 per cent. of the listeners are quite regular in their attendance. The others are casual hearers of the word, and of every nationality and creed, social grade, and intellectual capacity. It is to be regretted that lack of means prevents us from making these services what they ought to be. A male quartette and a powerful and magnetic popular preacher would greatly add to their efficiency.

TUCKERMAN CIRCLE.

This would seem to be the appropriate place to acknowledge the beneficent co-operation of the Tuckerman Circle with our Ministry-at-Large. For seventy-five years the ladies composing this association have been engaged in their philanthropic labors. The funds they raise by needle and art work and in other ways are distributed among our ministers, and used by them for the work of charity. During the past year the sum thus distributed amounted to \$2,737.81. Without this timely and generous aid much of our best work would be impossible. The Fraternity returns its grateful

acknowledgments to the Tuckerman Circle for their loyal help.

THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

During the past year the central office of the Benevolent Fraternity has been open every week-day from ten to one o'clock, and at other times. Many inquiries have been answered, correspondence conducted, records kept, and general business transacted. Here every month, and oftener, the Executive Committee of twelve members has met, with a surprisingly full attendance, to conduct the business committed to it. The financial exhibit made by our Treasurer, Mr. W. P. Fowler, is encouraging in some of its aspects. No bequests have been made to us; but the general contributions have increased, the home income of the chapels is notably greater, and the special sums raised for the Bulfinch Place rebuilding, the North End Union Summer Camp, and the Morgan Memorial's work, run well up to \$15,000. The advance of the Fraternity in public favor is strikingly shown by commendatory articles and editorial comments which have recently appeared concerning it in our leading newspapers.

It remains for us to take note, in closing, of the declination of Rev. Thomas Van Ness to serve any longer as President of the Benevolent Fraternity. For four years past he has served in this capacity with the greatest devotion and tireless activity. He has never considered his own comfort where the interests of the Fraternity were involved. He has presided over our meetings, visited our chapels, attended committee meetings and made addresses, given interesting lectures, promoted system and co-operation in our management, and in every way in his power labored to upbuild our cause. It must be a satisfaction to him to know that he leaves the work of the Fraternity in a more excellent condition than it has been for years past. It is a satisfaction to us to know that he will still remain a member of the Executive Committee.

CHARLES W. WENDTE,
For the Executive Committee.

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER, WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1904.

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,607.70	
Bank tax rebate	35.46	
Income from investments	10,106.15	
Contributions from friends	265.00	
Contributions from churches	5,341.00	
Contributions for Morgan Memorial	3,490.00	
Contributions for Parker Memorial	2,193.09	
Contributions for Bulfinch Place Church	325.00	
Contributions for Fenway Sunday-school	147.52	
		<u>\$25,510.92</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$9,043.09	
City of Boston, 1903 taxes	224.96	
Insurance premiums	453.65	\$9,721.70
	<u>\$9,721.70</u>	

Rents received	\$1,080.00	
Home income and friends	2,193.09	3,273.09
Net expense		<u>\$6,448.61</u>

North End Union.

Expenses	\$3,997.31	3,997.31
Rents received	1,000.00	
Net expense	<u>\$2,997.31</u>	

Channing Church.

Expenses	1,500.00	
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Morgan Memorial.

Expenses	\$5,845.31	
Interest	<u>2,300.00</u>	
	\$8,145.31	\$8,145.31
Rents received	\$1,527.70	
Friends	<u>3,490.00</u>	5,017.70
Net expense		<u>\$3,127.61</u>

Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses	\$4,661.14	4,661.14
Home contributions	\$300.00	
Friends	<u>25.00</u>	325.00
Net expense		<u>\$4,336.14</u>

Fenway Sunday-school.

Expenses	\$147.52	147.52
Home income and friends	<u>147.52</u>	
Net expense		<u>\$000.00</u>

Services on Common		80.90
Administrative expenses		<u>1,224.68</u>

Sundries.

Printing and parcel delivery	\$167.25	
Legal services and recording	2.00	
Expenses of parish meeting, Christ Church	12.50	
Newspaper advertising	10.00	
Examination of Treasurer's books	25.00	
Storage of Brattle Square Church silver	5.00	221.75
		<u>\$29,700.31</u>

Expenditures	\$29,700.31	
Income		<u>25,510.92</u>
Deficit		<u>\$4,189.39</u>

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions and Donations.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,910.00
King's Chapel	1,375.00
South Congregational Church	1,100.00
Second Church in Boston	400.00
First Church in Boston	<u>200.00</u>
Carried forward	<u>\$4,985.00</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$4,985.00	
Church of the Disciples	150.00	
First Parish, Dorchester	125.00	
Hawes Unitarian Church	31.00	
First Congregational, Jamaica Plain	25.00	
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00	
First Parish, Brighton	<u>5.00</u>	\$5,341.00

For Parker Memorial.

Home income	\$2,043.09	
John C. Haynes	100.00	
The Misses Whiting	<u>50.00</u>	2,193.09

For Morgan Memorial.

Methodist Denomination	\$2,500.00	
Young People's Society, Dedham	5.00	
Friends	960.00	
Courtenay Guild	<u>25.00</u>	3,490.00

For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution	\$300.00	
From King's Chapel	<u>25.00</u>	325.00

For Fenway Sunday-school.

Home income	\$27.52	
From churches	<u>120.00</u>	147.52

Friends.

Grenville H. Norcross	\$100.00	
Mrs. Otis Norcross	100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00	
Benjamin W. Nichols	20.00	
W. H. P. Robbins	<u>20.00</u>	265.00

I have examined the accounts of Mr. William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor, for the year ending April 30, 1904, verifying the investments and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments, and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached.

GEORGE S. CHASE.

Boston, April 30, 1904.



BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

REPORT OF BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

BULFINCH PLACE, NEAR BOWDOIN SQUARE.

In charge, Rev. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, residence 2 West Cedar Street.
Assistants, Miss E. L. JONES and Miss K. R. STOKES, address at the church.

Bulfinch Place Church has pursued its course of useful service throughout the past year, and renders the usual report of its activities with reasonable satisfaction, and, in view of its plans for the future, with justifiable hope.

The absorbing interest, both for the minister and his assistants, as well as for the members of the congregation and Sunday-school, has been, for several months, the proposed alterations in the church building. The plan adopted, which there is every prospect of carrying to completion, is the outcome of careful thought and discussion covering several years. The proposition to abandon the present church and rebuild elsewhere in the West End was given up as not practicable, partly on account of the great expense, but also because of the difficulty in selecting a site more advantageous, on the whole, than the present. Moreover, the uncertainties as to the future of this part of the city seemed too great to justify the expenditure of so large a sum of money as would be required for a new building. It was therefore decided to consider remodelling and improving the present structure, with the result that satisfactory plans were presented to the Executive Committee early in October. The following proposition was made to the Committee; that, if they approved of the plans and would agree to a material increase in the annual appropriation for the work (at Bulfinch Place Church), an effort would be made to raise \$10,000, the amount

then thought sufficient for the improvements proposed, but which it has been found necessary to increase to \$14,000.

In January this offer was accepted, and a vote enlarging the annual appropriation was passed; and a sub-committee, consisting of Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, Mr. Ernest Jackson, and Mr. Frederick O. North, was appointed, with authority to approve plans, superintend the building, and to expend the amount of money which might be raised for the purpose.

The raising of the money has been going forward successfully, although not yet completed. Many generous gifts have been made; and it is fair to give the chief credit (as was the case when Pitts Street Chapel was built in 1836, and again when the money was raised by Mr. Winkley for Bulfinch Place Chapel) to the present and past teachers of the Howard Sunday-school. The amount subscribed up to date is \$10,750; and this would seem to be the proper place to express our profound gratitude to all the friends, whether connected with the Sunday-school or not, who have so generously come to our assistance. In many instances their gifts represent a genuine sacrifice; in all, a loyalty to the memories of the past and the work, as well as the hopes, of the present which is deeply appreciated.

When the work of remodelling shall have been completed, we shall have the following equipment: a renovated auditorium, seating three hundred, with a new organ; five new rooms, over the present parlors, for clubs, classes, flower mission, store closets, etc.; a gymnasium, above these rooms, with baths and dressing-rooms; an enlarged kitchen, with new fixtures, larger windows, better ventilation and drainage, a gentlemen's toilet-room; and a large storage-room, in the basement. The new rooms and gymnasium will be heated by steam, and the whole building lighted by electricity.

THE FUTURE POLICY.

If it should be asked what is to be our working policy when these changes in the building shall have been made,

the answer would be briefly this: first, to maintain and strengthen the ethical and religious work represented by the church and the Howard Sunday-school, making character and good citizenship our constant aim; second, to do more and more neighborhood work of the social type, both among children and adults, by such agencies as we have already employed, made far more interesting and effective by the improved conditions; and, in general, to continue the work of a Ministry-at-Large in ways old and new.

THE PAST YEAR'S WORK.

Our report, however, must not be confined to hopes for the future, but should give some record of the work of the past year. Let us follow it, using the months of the year as a thread upon which to string our various activities.

May, 1903. The keynote for this month is hospitality; and that word is characteristic of all the year. Our church is a home; and we give the home welcome.

We believe in good times, and use them to bring light and cheer into the lives of many whose conditions are full of difficulty and discouragement, whose hearts are often "weary and heavy-laden." The month of May was typical of our gospel of good cheer; for it gave us a May Festival, and opened our doors for the hospitalities of Anniversary Week. The latter, under the auspices of the Women's Alliance, have become a regular feature of our spring programme, and always brings us into the pleasantest relations with our city and country friends. The May Festival was a joyous meeting of our Lend-a-Hand Clubs and their many friends. It was made bright with pretty costumes, music, and addresses. It was made useful by the sale of refreshments for the benefit of the several clubs. Sociability, and the life which grows out of sociability, a life of sympathy and service, is the purpose, and we believe it to be the result, of such meetings, held at least once a month during the season. Thus we seek the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

June, characterized by the closing socials of our various clubs, is chiefly interesting because of the "Old Ladies' Party," and reminds us also of our ministry, throughout the year, to the aged.

The Old Ladies' Party, which has been held annually for forty years, brings together about one hundred guests, all over sixty years, and thirty or forty young people to welcome and entertain them, giving a strawberry supper, and sending them home with a bright bouquet of flowers.

It is typical, we trust, of what we are doing all the year.

July and August. These are the months for play and rest. One hundred and fifty children, every week-day, find a refuge from the heat and dirt of the streets in our large, cool Sunday-school room. It is our play-room work for girls and little boys, conducted by two paid kindergarten teachers, now in its seventh year. The children are mostly Jews and Italians, interesting, orderly, and, for the most part, appreciative. We feel that they need us, and that we can do them good.

This is the time also for "outings" and vacations. Miss Jones spent a week at Shirley with thirteen little boys. Many car-rides and carriage rides and country week visits were arranged both by Miss Stokes and Miss Jones. Through the kindness of a friend longer vacations are made possible for from fifteen to twenty working girls or older persons.

July and August stand for play and rest, but our workers are very far from being idle.

September. This is rallying time, in preparation for the work of a new season. Sunday-school scholars must be looked up and church people visited. On the first Sunday church services begin, and on the third Sunday the school opens. The first social is held, a Rally and Ice-cream Party for the Sunday-school, preparatory to the more formal opening of the school upon the first Sunday in October.

September, as it always must be, was a busy month for the minister and his assistants.

October. Let this month represent benevolence and kindly

deeds. Every club and organization was in working order, with programmes for self-improvement and helpfulness. Chief among these were the Women's Alliance, the Eliot Circle, and the Red, White, and Blue Club.

The Harvest Festival, with its bountiful supply of fruit and vegetables, its decorations of standing corn and autumn leaves, typified the spirit of Thanksgiving and good will. At this time, as at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and again at Easter, from sixty to seventy-five families and individuals were remembered in some friendly way, by baskets of fruit, dinners at Thanksgiving, gifts at Christmas, and Easter cards. Throughout the year this stream of kindness flows; and every gift carries with it, we humbly believe, the touch of human love. Nothing is done by wholesale: all is individual, personal. The Festival times only emphasize the spirit which prevails and the kind of work which is going on from day to day through all the year. Hundreds of visits are made, hundreds of dollars expended, hundreds of hours given to meet the varied needs of those to whom we can minister.

November. The work of every department was by this time fully under way. The Sunday-school, numbering 180, and the church services were, as always, central in our estimation. Stereopticon lectures were in progress, fifteen in all, growing in interest as the season advanced. The Sphinx Club, having transferred its activities from the South End to our centre, was busy on Saturdays with its classes in sewing, embroidery, music, and elocution. The Women's Alliance was working for its biennial sale, which cleared \$545.

The Eliot Circle was adding to its membership, now over 100; and our neighborhood work was slowly but surely gaining in interest and vitality.

The Young People's Guild was active, meeting every Sunday evening, with from 30 to 40 in attendance. The Red, White, and Blue Club was holding its regular sessions every Monday evening, with an invited speaker once a month. The Girls' Club on alternate Tuesdays, about 30 younger

boys and girls on Saturday afternoons, and a basket-weaving class were interesting features.

December and January. The annual meeting of the Tuckerman Circle occurs in December, and offers an opportunity for some expression of our gratitude to that remarkable society, for more than seventy-five years the principal source of funds for the charities of the Ministry-at-Large. The minister of Bulfinch Place Church has been for many years the chosen trustee of these funds.

December and January events were as follows: 1. The Christmas tree of the Howard Sunday-school, with presents for all the pupils, a Santa Claus, Christmas carols, and refreshments. There were 200 present. 2. A similar occasion, with the same tree, the Eliot Circle being the host, entertaining in the happiest way mothers and children not included in the Sunday-school. There were 175 present. 3. A New Year's Reception and Party, with music and addresses by Rev. Mr. Frothingham and our neighbor, Rev. Reuben Kidner. There were at least 150 present. 4. The two hundred and fiftieth meeting of the Red, White, and Blue Club (which meets once a week), a notable occasion, a large audience (200), with addresses by the Secretary of State, William Olin, and Rev. James Eells. By special invitation twenty-one children, not members of our Sunday-school, but known to our workers, were taken to Belmont for a Christmas treat at the Unitarian church there. Later in January came the second course of Stereopticon lectures, the Annual Teachers' Meeting, and a Dramatic given by our young people.

February and March. On Sunday, February 21, the plans for altering and improving the church building were explained to the congregation by Mr. Eliot, and an appeal made for subscriptions, however small. The result was very gratifying. A large number of contributions were sent in, ranging from 10 cents to \$25, amounting in all to \$630. The interest awakened was also very satisfactory, making us feel more than ever confident of our future.

February 12 brought us a St. Valentine's Party, arranged

by one of the Lend-a-Hand Clubs, the Little Helpers. It was a useful occasion, bringing many children and parents, and netting about \$30 for the helpful work of the Club.

On February 22 the Sunday-school room was lent to a group of Jewish boys' and girls' clubs for a patriotic meeting. By invitation, Mr. Eliot gave a stereopticon talk upon Good Citizenship. There were 300 present.

In February our monthly entertainment was given by young people from the First Parish, Dorchester, and in March we had what was called "A Carnival of Days," in which more than 50 of our young people and children took part.

April, the last of the months, bringing Easter, a quarterly Teachers' Meeting, a public meeting of the Alliance, closing exercises of the Saturday classes, reminds us of the serious purpose of all our work; *i.e.*, the cultivation not only of sociability and sympathy, but of the deeper things of a Christian life. Every week has brought us two Teachers' Meetings; every month, a meeting of church members; every first Sunday, the communion service, with from 50 to 75 in attendance. During March and April Mr. Eliot met on Thursday evenings a small group of young people, eager to know more about Unitarian beliefs. We feel that we must make a strong effort in the direction of good music in the coming year. We need a more beautiful and worshipful service. With our improved building we may be tempted to trust too much to the week-day work of clubs and social service. We intend, however, to emphasize the Sunday-school and church more strongly than ever, and to let the social work be the natural outgrowth and auxiliary of these. The basis for good citizenship is character; and the basis for character is the cultivation of the moral and religious instincts.

SUMMER WORK, 1904.

The summer work at Bulfinch Place Church has been somewhat interrupted, owing to the alterations in progress. It was necessary to omit the Summer Play-room altogether.

The Flower Mission work, however, has been continued from the temporary headquarters at 13 Allston Street, as well as the usual ministerial services. These rooms have been open every day.

Thanks to the courtesy of the minister and wardens of King's Chapel, we were able to continue our Sunday services up to July 17, inclusive. For six Sundays we worshipped there; and our people will not soon forget this pleasant experience.

We have done more than usual in the way of summer outings, both of adults and children. A party of seventeen children were entertained for a week at Shirley, invited by Miss Cordner.

Day outings were provided for various groups and individuals, and about twenty longer vacations were arranged under the Edmands Fund.

The alterations in the building have progressed favorably, and will be completed, we hope (with the exception of the organ), by October 1.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



NORTH END UNION.

In charge, SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, 20 Parmenter Street.

Assistant, Miss FLORENCE N. BARKER.

The North End Union entered its "teens" this year. Having been constituted at its inception with a local Board of Directors by the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, the Union counts itself fortunate, indeed, in that it has been able to retain unbroken through all the thirteen years of its existence the services of five of this Board.

This continuous service, much of which has been intimately identified with the work in hand, has enabled them to have a clearer perception of the many problems presented, to avoid duplication of mistakes, and to insure, as far as seemed best, a continuity of the policies and methods adopted.

While the aim and purpose of the Union, as set forth in its original circular,—“to make a social home for young men, to stimulate a better intellectual life, to promote good citizenship, and to lend a hand wherever needed,”—remain the same, the means used have been, and must of a necessity be, elastic. It

is quite possible to limit the expenses to a fixed income by confining the work within definite lines; but as the work progresses, as the horizon of experience widens, it often seems necessary to open new avenues of activities and even try experiments which may be doubtful in their results. To do such work as this requires additional expenditure. Fortunately, the North End Union has an emergency fund in its Board of Directors, who have made possible certain lines of work which could not have been done otherwise.

It will be recalled that the reconstruction of the Union building in 1894, the erection of the shop for the plumbing school and its equipment, the inauguration of the trade school of dressmaking, and the establishment of the printing school were due very largely to the generosity and personal efforts of one of our Directors, Mr. James W. Tufts, for whom the Union cherishes a warm and loving remembrance.

The Union is under obligation to the other Directors as well for generous contributions, for numberless minor offerings of which no mention is ever made, and for financial assistance which others have given through their solicitations.

Generous as all this material help has been, the Union is under still greater obligation to its directors for their sincere devotion to its welfare and for the wise counsel which the years of continuous service have enabled them to give.

The activities of the Union for the past year do not differ in kind very much from those of previous years, the difference being mainly in an extension of certain lines and an effort to improve the quality of service. The following is a brief statement of some of the work:—

ILLUSTRATED LECTURES.

Ten illustrated lectures have been given on Saturday evenings, beginning December 5. These lectures were of the best, as is shown by the list of speakers who have so generously given their services and their subjects:—

JOHN WILDER FAIRBANK, "The Ride that Saved an Empire."
FRANK DUNLAP FRISBIE, "California."

WILLIAM LYMAN UNDERWOOD, "In the Woods with the Lumbermen."

JESSE E. AMES, "A Trip to Jamaica."

ARTHUR D. PECK, "The Wild West and Indian Country."

CHARLES MASON FULLER, "The Great Panama Canal."

Prof. GEORGE H. BARTON, "The 'Evangeline' Country: Nova Scotia."

GEORGE B. GRAFF, "Tibet, the Forbidden Land."

Prof. H. G. MITCHELL, "Picturesque Jerusalem."

Prof. A. E. DOLBEAR, "The Age of the Earth."

MEMBERS' SOCIALS.

Seven monthly dancing socials, limited to members of the Union and lady friends, have been given with an average attendance of 125.

STAMP SAVINGS.

Open Twice a Week.

Largest number of depositors at one time, 526. Total amount deposited, \$912. Total amount withdrawn, \$783.

Since the middle of September Mr. Bennett has been in the employ of the Union. He has had charge of several boys' clubs and entire direction of the gymnastic work for boys and young men.

GYMNASIUM.

The gymnasium has been open two afternoons a week for boys, one evening for juniors, and two evenings for seniors. The classes have been much larger than usual. Interest was stimulated by the promise of medals, the awards to be based on competitive drill; and much enthusiasm has been manifested, especially in basket ball, of which several teams were formed, and numbers of match games have been played, both at home and abroad.

Physical examinations and measurements have been made and charts have been given. Mr. Bennett has been earnest in his work, and we accord him our hearty congratulation upon the success achieved.

The girls' gymnasium, one night a week, has been unusually large this season, in fact up to the limit of dressing-room

accommodations, even though the class was divided into two groups.

The instruction has been given by Miss Webster, who by her sincere devotion and pleasing personality, together with her method of teaching, has accomplished results which have not been attained in years. That the girls have enjoyed and been enthusiastic in their work is shown by the large regular attendance, nearly 99 per cent. It should be said, however, that no small part of the value of the work done in this class, that which makes for character and will be most lasting, comes from the close personal relation of every member with Miss Frothingham, who never fails to be present and remain through the entire evening.

CLUBS.

We have been unable to meet the demand for new clubs this year, because the first requisite of a club is a supervisor, an older person, who shall have general oversight and direction of it. Efficient supervisors are not always to be had for the asking.

Five young men of the Edwin D. Mead Club have rendered acceptable service as supervisors, each having a club of his own. In addition to this work two of them have taken turns going to Rainsford Island, and two to the Parental School, every Sunday, where they have had classes of juvenile offenders.

There are thirteen clubs in all, eleven of boys and two of girls, having a total membership of 150. Small groups are preferred.

The programme of club work depends largely upon the age of the members, but all boys' clubs have journals and debates.

The work done by the Progress Club, a group of ten girls, under the direction of Miss Frothingham, calls for special mention because of the earnestness and sustained interest which they have shown.

Through the generous kindness of Mr. A. P. Tapley, the girls' club room has been entirely refurnished in oak, library table, chairs, bookcase, and writing-desk, also a beautiful

water-color sketch, "Autumn in the Adirondacks." The room is a most pleasing and attractive one, and we wish we had several more just as cheerful.

In March all of the clubs came together in mass meeting. A delegate from each club gave a brief history of his own club and an account of the work which it had done.

This joint meeting strengthened the conviction that there is no one method of promoting an interest in civic life, and of giving just the sort of training a citizen should have to enable him to take part intelligently in public deliberations, better than that of a club. Mr. Mead, who addressed them, said it was one of the most inspiring meetings he had attended in a long time.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING.

This class, although it has twenty-five teachers and an average attendance of over 150, always has a settee or two full of girls on the waiting list who want "to belong." One of the most valuable parts of this work is the cordial personal relationship of the teachers with small groups of children.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Sunday-school work is most discouraging, not because there is any lack of children (the month of November when the school opened showed an average attendance of 211), not because there is no opportunity to do work of real value, but simply and solely because we are unable to get efficient teachers.

PLUMBING SCHOOL.

The class in plumbing has, as usual, been full to overflowing, many having been turned away for lack of room. The shop-work instruction is given by Mr. William H. Haskell, as it has been since the school started ten years ago. He is an able, efficient teacher, and his services are much appreciated.

We desire to acknowledge, with hearty thanks, our obligation to Mr. David Craig who has most generously given all

of the lectures on the technical science of plumbing, and to the Board of Supervisors (made up of five of the leading master plumbers of Boston), who have held themselves in readiness to render any service to the school that might be required of them.

PRINTING SCHOOL.

The best evidence we can offer that the printing school is doing good work, work that is valued by the trade itself, is that most of the pupils in the school are sent there by their employers, who pay their tuition, and also by the fact that a part of the current expenses is borne directly and indirectly by the supervisors of the school, who, as in the plumbing school, are leading men in their trade.

This principle of linking the printing and plumbing schools directly with the trade itself, through the best representatives of the respective trades, saves them from dilettantism and enables them to do a work that has the approval of practical craftsmen.

Five lectures on "Good Printing," illustrated by charts, blackboard drawings, and stereopticon slides, were given in February by Mr. Henry Turner Bailey.

CAMP.

It is generally recognized that a camp offers excellent opportunities for character-building and for physical and moral development. Emerson has said, "I wish the youth to be an armed and complete man; no helpless angel to be slapped in the face, but a man dipped in the Styx of human experience and made invulnerable so—self-helping. . . . Learn to harness a horse, to row a boat, to camp down in the woods, to cook your supper."

The Union has had in mind for several years the establishment of a camp, and this year it has been enabled to realize that ambition through the kindness of our fellow-director, Mr. Leonard Tufts, who most generously volunteered to finance the building and equipment of the desired camp. It was felt

that the opportunities of the camp should be given to young men of seventeen years of age and upward, for whom the Union has been able, thus far, to do but little.

The question of location, cost of transportation, etc., were considered with them in view, and, without entering into the details of why and wherefore, it may be said that Moose Pond, Bridgton, Me., was finally selected. Through the generous kindness of the Eastern Steamship Company and the Maine Central Railroad, we were enabled to get half-fare for the round trip.

Moose Pond, a mile wide and ten miles long, is about five miles from the Bridgton Steamboat Landing. It is sufficiently isolated to make the camp life introspective, and yet near enough to get food supplies easily and to meet any cases of emergency. In addition to this it is in the midst of charming scenery. Pleasant Mountain, two thousand feet high, is at our front door, just across the pond, and many of the White Mountains, twenty-five miles away, in full view.

It is recognized that time and patience will be necessary to develop its opportunities.



SITE OF NORTH END UNION SUMMER CAMP ON MOOSE POND AND
DISTANT VIEW OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

The work of the children's house, 32 Parmenter Street, is under the direction and general supervision of the Children's House Committee, Miss Frothingham, Miss Mason, Miss Minns, and Mrs. Frye, with Miss Barker, resident worker, in charge.

There are two afternoon classes in dressmaking for school-girls, and four evening classes for working-girls and mothers.

"How to get clothes to wear" becomes an urgent and pressing question when a meagre income, limited time in which to work for one's self, and inefficient training are factors in the problem. These dressmaking classes try to meet this necessity. Materials are bought and sold to them, allowing payments to be made in small amounts, thereby enabling them to get much more serviceable goods than they could possibly get with their slender savings. Two paid teachers instruct them how to cut and make their garments, and their time is economized by providing a machine-stitcher to run straight seams. Admission to these classes is based on personal needs, known to the resident worker.

In addition to the class work there is a play-room, five afternoons a week, for forty or more little ones who have been selected with reference to the accommodation of mothers that work out.

Miss Barker, who is in residence at 32 Parmenter Street, does neighborhood visiting, and tries to keep in pleasant social relations with the homes of those who attend the classes and play-room. Her genial nature makes her a welcome visitor, and her quick sympathies ready to help in time of trouble. We appreciate and are grateful for this as well as for her uplifting influence.

Miss Sanford, who so kindly volunteered her help, has given the work of the Children's House invaluable service, day and evening, throughout the entire season, and we accord to her our hearty appreciation and cordial thanks for her generous kindness.

We have had the services of many volunteer workers, earnest and thoughtful of others, as they must necessarily be to take up this work. To them and to all others who have shared in the work of the Union we desire to acknowledge our obligations, and to extend to them our sincere thanks.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

SUMMER WORK, NORTH END UNION.

Under the efficient direction of Miss Emma Mizner, our usual summer activities were successfully carried forward, and through her energetic efforts many new helpers were brought into active contact with the work.

Over 2,540 bouquets were distributed, and 92 personal calls made by visiting friends, 49 in all, representing the 17 different towns sending flowers. To each and every one of these volunteers we owe most grateful thanks for their earnest and hearty co-operation, and have reason to hope for a continuance of the same throughout our regular winter work.

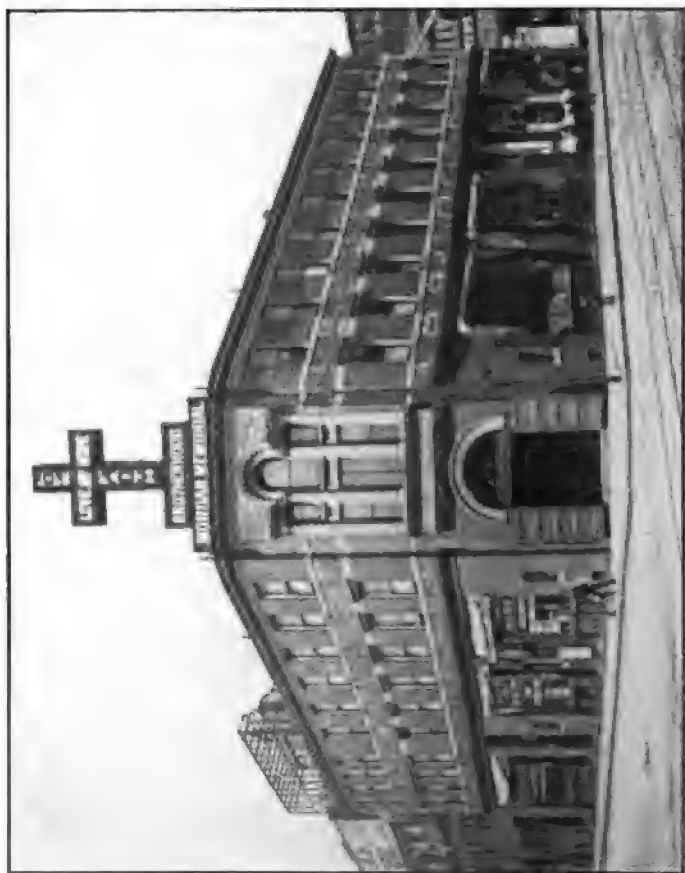
Eight excursions were made,—namely, to Norumbega Park, Waverley Oaks, Arlington Heights, Franklin Park, and Hemlock Gorge,—and 190 mothers, working-girls, and children given a day's outing. The utmost care was taken in all cases to include only those not otherwise provided for in such a way.

We are especially indebted to the Elevated Railroad for free tickets, and also to the Newton Street Railway Company, who again, as in the past, very generously provided special cars and Norumbega Park privileges.

As usual, we were able to secure a week or ten days' vacation for about seventy sick or especially needy mothers and children through "Country Week," the Lend-a-Hand Society, and one or two private agencies.

These and all other graciously given privileges, which each season help to enlarge and strengthen our work, we acknowledge with heartfelt thanks.

FLORENCE N. BARKER.



MORGAN MEMORIAL.

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SHAWMUT AVENUE AND CORNING STREET.

In charge, Rev. EDGAR J. HELMS.

Assistants, C. W. SIMPSON, Rev. H. B. KING, Miss EDNA C. BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH S. EMMONS, Miss NEWMAN.

It gives me pleasure to report the best year's work in the history of Morgan Memorial. There have been a few features of the work that have prospered more in past years; but, speaking for the entire enterprise, we have made the greatest progress in the year now closing.

During the year more than twenty religious meetings have been held weekly. In the warm weather many were held in the open air, on streets near the Chapel, and on Boston Common.

Many religious meetings have been held for children. We have formed a children's church, which meets in its attractive hall on Sundays at the same hours morning and evening that the adults are worshipping in the auditorium. It has a vested choir; and the service is officered by the children.

While there are a great many meetings of many kinds, each service has a purpose of its own, and they all together contribute to the one object of character-building.

We are reaching out for every class of people living in our neighborhood. While we put the greatest emphasis upon preventive work, we do not neglect to extend a helping hand to save those already fallen. By means of a temperance saloon, by rescue meetings, prison visitation, employment bureau, and our co-operative relief work, we are doing something for the human flotsam and jetsam surging about us.

We are also giving a cordial welcome to the foreigner settling in our neighborhood. We have begun a religious ser-

vice, and opened an evening school for Italians. We expect to inaugurate soon a special service for our colored people.

Our Music School has made encouraging progress. The new pipe organ, which has come to us through the interest of several generous friends, has been a great help to the school and to our religious meetings.

The quality of work turned out by our Industrial School is far superior to that of any year before. There has been a consequent development for the better in the character of the many boys and girls who have thus been engaged in the classes for sewing, cooking, drawing, printing, cobbling, basketry, and sloyd. Some patrons of this work are earnestly considering a great development of the same in connection with our co-operative industrial work, which is described later.

A dozen or more clubs for men and women and boys and girls have generally prospered and done good work.

The Kindergarten and Day Nursery have continued their Christ-like ministry to a class particularly dear to our Saviour's heart. I am glad to report that the New England Deaconess Association, which has for many years sent to us some of our most effective helpers, has taken a special interest in our Day Nursery, and will send us a deaconess who will give special attention to visiting the parents of these children.

CO-OPERATIVE FEATURES.

We desire to speak a special word about our co-operative stores and industries. Like other Morgan Chapel enterprises, it has been inaugurated quietly. Its beautiful and effective ministry should now be made known in order to interest those who can make it more efficient. This work has a double object. 1. *Relief*. By providing work in our various industries and through our employment bureau we help the helpless to help themselves while they are helping some one else. 2. *Instruction*. The people learn something useful while employed in our industries, and by patronizing our

stores get only a wholesome line of goods, share all profits, and are taught the value of co-operation.

These co-operative stores and industries include (1) a clothing store for new or second-hand clothing that has been made over or repaired; (2) a printing-office, where we teach boys in our Industrial School, do our own printing, and also outside work; (3) a shoe store, where we repair shoes and sell new and second-hand goods; (4) a millinery and dress-making establishment; (5) a grocery store, where we sell a wholesome line of goods only, and its patrons get all the profits; (6) an employment bureau. The past year the following is the amount of business done (not all of the departments have been running a year): clothing, \$1,500; printing, \$500; shoes, \$300; millinery and dressmaking, \$500; groceries, \$1,200; total business, \$4,000. The Associated Charities have cordially co-operated with us in this endeavor. Readers of this report will greatly help us if they will send to us all their second-hand clothing and shoes. These are repaired or made over or converted into rugs, etc. We can also use furniture. Do not burn these things or send them to the auction-room, but let us have them for the work. If friends will send us their supplies, and, if in need of help, will allow us to supply them, we shall be able to do very much more in the year to come.

These stores and industries support the four missionaries who are in charge, pay a little rent which goes to the regular work, accomplish a considerable amount of wise relief, and have paid to the certificate-holders—the patrons—10 per cent. on their purchases. This we regard as a remarkable record. We anticipate a more remarkable development in the future. From it we hope, in conjunction with our Industrial School, to pursue several arts and industries that will become a great factor in the cultural as well as industrial life of the community. Perhaps around this enterprise may develop a colony in this congested centre of our city that in the future shall exert a much-desired influence on our civic and social life.

SUMMER WORK, 1904.

During the summer the clubs and classes have been meeting once a month. The regular services of the week have been the Bible Class meetings on Tuesday, prayer-meeting on Thursday, the Total Abstinence Guild on Saturday, and the Sabbath services. Before each of these evening meetings an outdoor service has been held, weather permitting, and in this way many hundreds of people who never enter a church have had the gospel preached to them.

Eight of our boys spent two weeks at the North End Union Camp at Bridgton, Me. Fifty-three of our children have been cared for at the "Richland," Hopkinton, Mass., for two weeks, and twenty-nine at the Day Nursery Summer Home for eight weeks, by the New England Deaconess Association.

Numerous picnics to the country have been enjoyed by a large number of children, through the generosity of the Boston Elevated Railroad and friends of outside churches.

On July 16 the pastor, Rev. E. J. Helms, left for a trip to St. Louis, and from there went to Grant's Pass, Ore., to be present at his parents' golden wedding celebration. This is the only vacation he has had in several years. During his absence the work was in charge of his assistant, Charles W. Simpson.

E. J. HELMS.

THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

In charge, Rev. CHARLES W. WENDTE, 53 Berkeley Street.

Assistants, Mrs. E. M. BANGS, FRANK W. BIRCHALL, F. W. WODELL,
RALPH D. FORBES.

The third is usually the crucial year of a new enterprise. By that time the first enthusiasms have moderated, ardent hopes and expectations have assumed juster proportions, mistakes and illusions have become apparent, and the difficulties of the task are more fully disclosed. This has proven to be the case with the attempted rejuvenation of the Parker Memorial. When the work was begun, three years ago, it was decided to break with its traditions for twenty years past, to appeal to another constituency, to employ somewhat different methods, to transform the movement, in a word, into an *Institutional Church*, abreast of the ideals and needs of the community at the opening of the twentieth century. In this endeavor we have been only partially successful. We are conscious of many disappointments and failures. Our methods have not always proven well considered or effective. The response of the community has not been all that we had anticipated. Yet, summing up the results of our work, we feel encouraged to persevere, correcting our errors, improving our methods, and striving with undiminished faith to make the Parker Memorial a useful adjunct in the social uplift and spiritual culture of our city. The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, which sustains this movement, holds the same view, and has recently by a unanimous and cordial vote declared that the experiment of three years at the Parker has been satisfactory, and that the work shall be continued on the same lines hereafter.



AN INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

That there is room and need in modern city life for the type of organized religious endeavor known as the Institutional Church, our experience for the past three years, as well as the general consent of Christian workers in this and other communities, would seem to establish beyond question. Mr. Percy Alden, in a volume of essays which gathers up the results of the remarkable Religious Census undertaken by the London *Daily News* for the metropolis of England, pleads for the Institutional Church as alone fitted to meet the needs of the people in the crowded life of great cities. Only a church which takes an active share in all the better interests of their daily life, and offers them a homelike and *homely* welcome to its activities and worship, will, he is convinced, persuade the masses once more of the reality of religion, enlist their sympathies, and secure their participation in the services of public worship. "A magnificent Gothic church seems to compel attention to their poverty." "For the mass of the people the very beauty of the church presents some difficulties." "If it is possible to show—and I think it is—that the average workingman is less able to worship and is less at home in a splendid Gothic building, which to him seems cold and severe, than he is in a plain hall simply furnished, brightly lighted, and well warmed, then it seems to me that the advantage is all on the side of the hall."

In Roman Catholic communities devout people of all classes, even the poorest and most ragged, find their way naturally into the most splendid cathedrals, and perform their acts of worship undeterred by any apparent incongruity between themselves and their surroundings. Among Protestants, however, there is a fundamentally different conception of religious obligation, and the value and office of the church service. In any case that form of religious association which is most simple and brotherly, most democratic and human, which touches their life at most points, and effectively ministers to both

their material and moral necessities, is the church most likely to win and serve the people.

RELIGION THE FOUNDATION.

In such a church the prevailing spirit of Service will be quickened and upborne by the ideals and trusts of religion. Any attempt to uplift the masses which leaves out of account their religious nature and needs, which does not appeal to religious motives and compensations in its humane and charitable efforts, is fundamentally mistaken and doomed to failure. The deepest, most permanent need of human nature is religious confidence and support. To believe amid all life's trials and discouragement that "*God is in his heaven, all's right with the world,*" to keep the paramount ideals of *duty* ever before our eyes, to devote one's self in loving compassion to the larger service of the brotherhood, and to trust in the compensations of *immortality*,—in a word, to live on earth in the faith and spirit of the Christ,—this is the supreme privilege of the Christian. Only as we can awaken and confirm this faith in spiritual things can we hope for any permanent results in the characters and lives of those whom our Ministry-at-Large seeks to benefit.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Sunday service of worship has been the ideal centre and inspiration of all our endeavors. Our service is held on Sunday evening. Besides the minister the following clergymen have occupied the pulpit during the year: Rev. Messrs. Edward Cummings, James Eells, John Snyder, E. R. Shippen, Thomas Van Ness, A. L. Hudson, and Ida Hultin. Besides his Sunday evening service Mr. Wendte has preached fifteen Sunday mornings in Boston and suburban pulpits, and delivered forty-four lectures and addresses during the year. The usual preaching service at the Parker has been alternated with a course of illustrated lectures on "*Religion and Life Abroad,*" given once a month by the pastor, and copiously interspersed with

stereopticon views from his own collection of nearly three thousand slides. The countries treated of were France (2), England, India, Switzerland, and Holland. It is needless to say that these illustrated services drew large congregations. Another popular series of services were the musical vespers given from time to time. Besides the music of our own chorus choir we have gratefully to acknowledge the assistance of the quartette choir of the First Church, under Mr. Arthur Foote, and that of the Second Church, under Mr. H. G. Tucker. Another musical evening was afforded by the pastor's discourse on "Religious Impressions of Wagner's 'Parsifal,' as seen at Bayreuth," delivered before the Actors' Church Alliance.

It is proper to acknowledge in this connection the admirable service rendered us by the Parker Memorial Chorus Choir, now in the third year of its existence. It consists of from twenty-five to thirty voices, which, under the musicianly and conscientious direction of Mr. F. W. Wodell, have reached a high degree of artistic ability, and are a great help in our worship.

A series of "Public Conferences on Social Questions of our Time" was also held monthly, introduced with the usual service of worship. The topics and speakers were: "Socialism," speakers, Rev. G. W. Cooke, William R. Lord, Edward Cummings, and the pastor; "The Restriction of Immigration," speakers, Mr. Prescott Hall and Rabbi Fleischer; "Our Present Duty towards the Philippines," speakers, Rev. Messrs. Charles F. Dole, John C. Haynes, and the pastor; "What is our National Duty towards the American Negro?" speakers, Mr. Moorfield Storey, Rev. A. L. Hudson, C. G. Morgan, and the pastor; "Temperance, and what can be done for it in Boston," speakers, Rev. Dr. Morgan, Richard Humphreys, and the pastor. At the close of the set addresses the topics treated were further discussed by volunteer speakers in the congregation, and a lively and profitable debate often resulted.

Another feature of our Sunday evening is the after-meeting held in the parlors at the conclusion of the religious service. This is largely social in character, and sometimes a cup of tea

is provided. Brief addresses, sometimes on the topic of the evening's discourse or on topics of current interest, together with music, are the chief features. These gatherings are much enjoyed, and are very helpful in our work.

Among the special occasions we instance the Christmas and Easter festivals, with printed orders of service and beautiful music; the addresses on "Work for the World's Peace," by Edwin D. Mead and Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead; the observance of the forty-third anniversary of Theodore Parker's death, with an address by the pastor; the sermon "In Defence of our Public Schools"; and especially the overflow meeting held at the time of the Emerson Centennial, at which a large audience crowded our Parker Memorial Hall, and was addressed on the various aspects of R. W. Emerson's life by Messrs. Frank B. Sanborn, S. M. Crothers, Charles F. Dole, and the pastor.

The attendance at these Sunday evening meetings was much affected by the unusually inclement weather, but was, on the whole, gratifying and encouraging. During the months of July and August, services were suspended, and the congregation united in the union services at the First Church, Roxbury, and the Boston Common services in general charge of Mr. Wendte, as Secretary of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

On the 1st of November, 1903, by invitation of the Unitarian Sunday School Society, Rev. E. A. Horton, President, the Parker Memorial staff undertook to found a new Sunday-school in the neighborhood of Huntington and Massachusetts Avenues. A hall was secured in the New England Conservatory of Music Building, text-books and manuals were supplied by the Sunday School Society. The school was maintained until the summer vacation suspended its services. It is hoped that this may prove the foundation of a permanent school in the Fenway District. The Parker Memorial staff will, however, be compelled to withdraw from this work in order to devote itself more fully to child work in its own neighborhood.

Among the funeral services conducted by the minister during the year were those of two members of the Parker Memorial, Mrs. Harriet Latimer, a former parishioner of Theodore Parker, and a woman of singular force of character and kind friend, and Miss Lewella A. Hubbard, one of our truest and best, whose loss is deeply mourned.

BENEVOLENCES.

The building has been kept open daily, except Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M., with slight intermissions, and with one or more of our staff present and ready for service.

The daily ministrations of the Parker Memorial to those who are in trouble or distress of mind and need human sympathy and help form the best part of its activity and occupy the chief attention of its workers. These services cannot, however, because of their very nature, be set down in black and white.

We desire to express our gratitude to the good women of the Tuckerman Circle, whose generous help made possible to us the gifts, occasional or continuous, by which so many persons, the aged especially, have been aided in dark moments of poverty, sickness, and suffering.

The Thanksgiving season gave us the opportunity for a systematic distribution of the harvest bounty intrusted to us by a number of Unitarian country parishes and benevolent individuals. In response to our appeal, provisions, vegetables, fruits, jellies, groceries, and a considerable amount of money were sent us by the churches in Arlington, Bolton, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Cochituate, Lexington, Littleton, Neponset, Northboro, Sherborn, Wayland, and Winchester. We trust we have not omitted any donor in the foregoing enumeration. Some fifty-five baskets, each containing the materials for a dinner,—except the conventional turkey, whose high cost deterred us, but with a clean new dollar bill in its stead,—were sent to as many deserving families and single persons keeping house. Some of

the letters and personal acknowledgments received from those who had been remembered were touching, and well rewarded our labors.

The Martha and Mary Club was instituted at the Parker Memorial by Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale in 1893. Its purpose is to purchase materials and give out sewing to needy women, purchase the product, and give them the opportunity to buy such garments as they need at low rates. Last year 25 meetings were held on Mondays, morning and afternoon. 720 garments were cut, and employment given to 15 women. Many others had to be refused. 96 garments were sent to the Floating Hospital and Mount Hope Home. The annual sale in May netted \$245.90. Mrs. S. A. P. Dickerman, 31 Alveston Street, Jamaica Plain, President, or Mrs. B. Stedman, 45 Hemenway Street, Boston, will be glad to receive contributions for this work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The educational work of the Parker Memorial is growing in interest and value.

First of all, the Branch Free Reading-room and Delivery Station, maintained by the Public Library in the west story of our building, deserves attention. It is open daily, Sunday included, from 2 to 5 and 7 till 9 P.M. The average daily attendance is about 150, except in midsummer. The tables are well supplied with magazines and weeklies. The shelves contain 1,107 books and volumes for reference, of which 500 were loaned by the Parker Memorial. This is a branch through which books can be ordered from the Central Library. The Librarian, Miss L. M. Cross, reports that about 1,100 volumes monthly were taken out. An interesting fact in connection with this station is that it had last year the largest percentage of adult readers of any public library branch in the city. This reading-room may be considered a joint enterprise, since the Parker Memorial furnishes the commodious, well-lighted and well-warmed room rent free to the city, and contributes

to the literature on its tables. We asked permission to subscribe for and place on file at this branch three or four daily newspapers. It had not been the custom of the library authorities to provide the latter at its branches, but so well pleased were they with the results of the experiment that daily newspapers have since been added to the literature at several of its stations, and may become a feature of them all. We are glad to have aided in this most desirable consummation.

A second feature of our educational work is the *Evening Industrial and Art Classes*, which are carried on from October to May, and which during the past year have been more fully attended and prosperous than ever before. For the first time the income of these classes has sufficed to pay all their running expenses, although it should be added that the encouraging financial exhibit was due chiefly to the large attendance on the classes in dancing. The classes and their enrolment were as follows:—

Millinery (teacher, Miss A. A. Wiggin), 2 classes, 2 terms, total enrolment	32
Dressmaking (teacher, Miss Caroline Rafferty), 2 terms, total enrolment	21
Wood-carving (teacher, Miss F. E. Richberg), 2 terms, total enrolment	15
China painting (teacher, Miss E. E. Milestone), 2 terms, total enrolment	22
Gymnastics, physical culture for young women (teacher, Miss Louise A. Webster), 2 terms, total enrolment	37
Dancing (teacher, Miss Louise A. Webster), 2 classes, 2 terms, total enrolment	233
Photography (teacher, F. W. Birchall), 2 terms, total enrolment . .	22
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In all there were 183 pupils the first term, and 199 the second. The average attendance was 74 per cent. the first term and 81 per cent. the second, that of the industrial classes being noticeably high. The acknowledgments of the Committee are due to the faithful and competent teachers to whom this

excellent showing was largely due, and whose devotion to the tasks has been most commendable.

During the past year the Sphinx Club of Young Ladies who for years past have been devoted laborers among the children at the Parker Memorial, withdrew, to our regret. This determined us to try the experiment of making a small charge also for instruction to the children, who had hitherto been taught gratuitously. This payment, in turn, enabled us to secure professional teachers at a small compensation. It is too soon to predicate results, but we believe in the ultimate success of this plan. Three classes have been maintained for some months past:—

Piano, Miss Angie Loveland, teacher, total enrolment	
Elocution, Miss E. M. Dorville, teacher, total enrolment	
Dancing, Miss L. A. Webster, teacher, total enrolment, first term	3
Dancing, Miss L. A. Webster, teacher, total enrolment, second term,	2

The total income from all classes was \$539.75 as against \$348 the previous year. The class expenses were \$531.30.

Another educational feature is the series of *Lectures and Entertainments* given every Wednesday evening, under the auspices of the Theodore Parker Fraternity.

At the beginning of last year it seemed to us advisable to make a change in the manner of securing an attendance at these lectures. For two years past it had been our custom to send out at the opening of each course a thousand free tickets to as many addresses at the South End as we were able to obtain. The result was an average audience of about 250 persons at each lecture. It was evident, therefore, that three-quarters of our tickets were not used. Besides this want of appreciation, we were out of pocket several hundred dollars annually for lecture fees, printing, postage, etc. This past year we determined to cease the free distribution plan, and charge a small admission fee,—50 cents for the course of 10 lectures and 10 cents admission to a single lecture. At the same time the quality of the lectures was improved, lecture fees were increased, and more money was spent on printing and advertising. The result was gratifying. The attendance has

been a little less, averaging about 230 an evening; but the quality of it, the increased interest and self-respect of the hearers, the enthusiasm of the lecturers, have fully justified the wisdom of this new departure. Once more it has been proven that "people appreciate that which costs them something." The financial return is: receipts, \$209.20; expenses, \$236.75.

Two courses were given as follows:—

FIRST COURSE.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, FROM OCT. 14 TO DEC. 16, 1903.

WILLIAM R. LORD. Illustrated lecture. "The Ministry of Birds."

Mr. SIDNEY WOOLLETT recited Tennyson's "Enoch Arden."

Rev. WILLIAM LLOYD. Lecture. "Percy Bysshe Shelley, Poet and Reformer."

Rev. C. W. WENDTE. Illustrated lecture. "Seventeen Years in California."

THE SCHOOL OF ENGLISH SPEECH AND EXPRESSION. Literary and Dramatic entertainment.

HOWARD B. BURLINGAME. Illustrated lecture. "Napoleon Bonaparte."

Mrs. JESSIE E. SOUTHWICK, of the Emerson School of Oratory, and Miss ANNA MILLER WOOD.

Mr. ARTHUR K. PECK. Illustrated lecture. "The Grand Cañon of Arizona and Moki Indians."

Rev. H. G. SPAULDING. Illustrated lecture. "Venice in Art and Story."

PARKER MEMORIAL CHOIR. Concert.

SECOND COURSE.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, FROM JAN. 13 TO MARCH 16, 1904.

JOHN JAY LEWIS. Illustrated lecture. "Amid the Canadian Rockies, the Wonderland of America."

WILLIAM LYMAN UNDERWOOD. Illustrated lecture. "The Strange Story of a Black Bear's Cub."

C. F. F. CAMPBELL, of London. Illustrated lecture. "How a Blind Man is taught to see."

ERNST PERABO, pianist, and Miss ANNA MILLER WOOD, contralto. Recital.

Rev. CHARLES W. WENDTE. Illustrated lecture. "Memories of Scotland."

F. W. BIRCHALL. Illustrated lecture. "Modern Photography."

General W. W. BLACKMAR. Illustrated lecture. "A Journey to Japan."

ROBERT A. WOODS. Lecture. "Ireland." Fully illustrated.

Rev. HENRY G. SPAULDING. Illustrated lecture. "Florence and George Eliot's 'Romola.'"

F. W. WODELL. Lecture. "Singers and their Songs,—Classic, Modern, and Popular." Musically illustrated.

In March–April Mr. George Willis Cooke gave a brilliant course of lectures on prophets of the twentieth century: "Tolstoi and Individualism," "Ibsen and Personal Liberty," "Whitman and the New Democracy," "Zola and Collectivism," "William Morris and Socialism," "Wagner and the Music of Humanity." They were quite well attended, and awoke much interest and even enthusiasm among those who were privileged to listen to them.

SOCIETY AND CLUB LIFE.

The constituency of the Parker Memorial, like that of every larger organization in our day, is much subdivided into clubs and societies.

The central association is the *Theodore Parker Fraternity*, which seeks to keep up the honorable traditions of an earlier society by this name. It has not yet found precisely its place in the church, and with its formidable array of honorary and actual officers is a splendid possibility rather than a living force. It is hoped, however, to make it more effective in our work. At its annual meeting it was reported to have 69 members and an income of just \$100. Addresses were made by its Honorary President, Mr. Edwin D. Mead, by Mr. John C. Haynes, and others.

The oldest society in the church is the *Mothers' Club*, concerning which Miss Anne Jenison, who for three years past has been its beloved leader and adviser, reports: "The Mothers' Club has held regular meetings Tuesday evenings in the parlors, except during the summer. There have been 34 meetings and 2 picnics (to Waverley Oaks and Nantasket). The average attendance has been 18 persons. Friends from our churches and elsewhere have entertained the club many

times with music, readings, tableaux, talks on health, travels, etc., while Thanksgiving and Christmas remembrances have added to the year's good cheer. Several sessions were devoted to learning the art of basket-weaving. The mothers made the opening meeting in the fall a special occasion, furnishing the treat themselves, and surprising Miss Jenison by presenting a beautiful gift from the club. The year has brought sickness and trouble to the families of many of the members, and during the long, severe winter it has been repeatedly possible, through personal knowledge of the homes, to serve in practical and friendly ways." The number of members is 31, of whom 9 are Americans, 9 Irish-Americans, 7 Jewish, 2 English, 2 Italians, 1 French, 1 an American negro.

The Parker Memorial Women's Alliance is a comparatively new organization, and still small in numbers, but an earnest auxiliary in the work of the church. Its officers are: President, Mrs. C. W. Wendte; Vice-President, Mrs. L. F. Crane; Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Tisdale; Treasurer, Miss Anne Jenison; additional Directors, Mrs. J. B. Kempton, Mrs. M. E. Coney, Miss F. M. Hubbard, Miss K. B. Littlefield, Mrs. W. C. Lewis. It has met once a month for business and discourse, and more frequently for work. Its meetings are opened with a devotional service. The work of the year centred about the annual sale, which was held in April. The proceeds, together with other receipts, amounted in all to \$193.86, of which \$167 was voted to the current expenses of the church. There are at present 16 members. The members have taken an active part in the various social occasions of the church, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Parker Memorial Young People's Club has 40 members, and a much larger constituency of young people who are not directly connected with it, but enjoy attending its various gatherings. Its objects are social enjoyment, self-improvement, and social service. Its officers for the past year were: President, C. W. Hinckley; Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. B. Burlingame and Miss Mabelle Seaverns; Secretary, Miss Anna B. Howard; Treasurer, Mr. Costello. Business meetings are

held on the first Monday evening in every month in the parlors.

Several attempts at study work were made, but not very successfully. An enjoyable lecture was given by Darmapala on India, and a talk by Rev. Mr. Wendte. Many enjoyable social gatherings were held,—the Christmas Party, Halloween Party, Valentine Party, two Leap Year Parties, and several summer excursions. The club consists of young men and women, who are nearly all bread-winners, and, fatigued with their daily labors, crave, when evening comes, recreation rather than the strenuous life. Yet in many ways their service is rendered to the church and Sunday-school; and Mr. Hinckley, its faithful and resourceful President, says truly, "I believe there is in it the nucleus of a large and successful club."

Finally, we have the *Parker Memorial Boys' Club*. During the early part of the year it was in charge of Mr. DeLo E. Mook, who has a great faculty with boys, especially in the field of athletics. More recently it has enjoyed the care of Mr. Frank W. Birchall, who has been very successful in increasing the membership and perfecting the discipline of the club. He writes of it: "When in January I took charge of the Boys' Club at the Parker Memorial, there were some 32 names on the roll-call. At present there are 50 names. The average attendance during the winter months of January, February, and March was 34. Since the advent of spring and warmer weather, the open air proves more attractive to the boys; and the attendance has diminished about one-third. Since my superintendency the club has assumed an organization, with a president, secretary, and treasurer, all money being deposited with the superintendent. Athletics engage the attention of the boys to the exclusion of all other interests. This is partly due to the lack of accommodation for quieter pursuits, and to the fact that all the boys must be under supervision; and there is only one person in charge. The ages of the boys vary from eight to eighteen. They all run together; but this is bad practice, and should be obviated in the future by dividing the club into a senior and junior portion."

The Boys' Summer Camp in the Maine woods is reported on elsewhere. Parker Memorial sent 11 boys to it, all of whom were much benefited.

HOSPITALITY.

It is pleasant to be again able to chronicle the hospitalities extended to other organizations of the city. The following have been granted the use of halls in the Parker Memorial Building on one or more occasions during the year: Hale House, Negro Public Conference, Harvard Club, Fenway Sunday-school, Mothers' and Fathers' Club, Dorothea Dix House, First Church Working-girls' Club, Public School Association, Good Templars, Miss Wheelock's School for Kindergartners, John B. Finch Lodge, G. T., Ellis Memorial Club, Woman's Era Club, Massachusetts Working-women's Club, Barnard Memorial, South End House, Boston Educational and Historical Association (colored), Free Religious Association, and others to the number of 20 in all. The convention of the Free Religious Association in Parker Memorial Hall was devoted to the centennial celebration of R. W. Emerson's birth, and was an occasion of great interest and significance,—a most fitting use of our edifice. A pleasant occasion was the reception given by the Women's Alliance and other organizations of the church to Rev. C. W. Wendte, Madam Wendte, Miss Jenison, and the other members of our staff on New Year's Eve. The absence of the pastor's wife in California was deplored. There was a crowded attendance. Addresses, music, and, later on, dancing. At midnight a brief watch-meeting was held, and the New Year ushered in with serious thought and prayer.

CONCLUSION.

Our staff of workers has undergone one or two changes. Mr. DeLo E. Mook served us for a few months as Superintendent of Clubs, and then resigned. His place was filled by Mr.

Frank W. Birchall, who began work in January, 1904, and has taken a deep interest in our various activities. Miss Anne Jenison has continued her able and devoted service as minister's assistant. Mr. R. D. Forbes has taken most excellent care of our building.

In July the minister was granted a two months' vacation, that he might gain strength for the coming year's work and attend to his duties as General Secretary of the International Congress of Religious Liberals at Amsterdam, Holland. During his absence Rev. George R. Dodson took his place at the Parker, and also conducted in his stead the summer preaching service on Boston Common. It would be pleasant to chronicle all the friends who have rendered us service or shown us kindness during the past year. Mr. C. H. Pratt made us a handsome gift of books for our parlor bookcase. Mr. John C. Haynes has been generous, as always.

Grateful mention should be made of the appreciative and kind manner in which Boston newspapers, especially the *Evening Transcript*, *Boston Herald*, and *Christian Register*, have referred to our work, and lent their columns to our cause.

The financial exhibit for the year is encouraging. While most of the expenses of maintaining the institution are paid from the treasury of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, it has been our aim to increase as rapidly as possible our home income, which during the year 1903-04 amounted to \$2,043.09 as compared with \$586 in 1901-02. This sum was derived from church collections, memberships, gifts, fees, class dues, lectures, and Women's Alliance.

SUMMER WORK, 1904.

A new and unique feature in our benevolent work was the *Boys' Summer Camp*, conducted by the Parker Memorial during the months of July and August, on the banks of Moose Pond, near Bridgton, Me. The finely equipped camp itself was built and paid for by the North End Union, a branch of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. Its care and conduct

were for this first year committed to our Parker Memorial staff, which raised the necessary funds and arranged the relays of boys, while our Mr. F. W. Birchall took general charge and supervision of its activities. 63 boys and 11 adults were entertained at the camp, of whom 11 boys and 3 adults were from the Parker Memorial, and the remainder from the other branches of the Benevolent Fraternity and from Denison House, which was invited to share in our hospitalities. Our thanks are due to the generous friends who responded to our appeal, especially to the Women's Alliance of Hingham, Mass., J. B. Moors, Mrs. Thomas Talbot, Rev. C. W. Wendte, Miss E. M. Howe, Wellesley Hills Women's Alliance, Rev. M. J. Savage, D.D., and P. R. Frothingham. The boys themselves and their guardians contributed handsomely to the cost of their entertainment. The entire receipts were \$588.91, the expenses \$613.77. The experiment must be considered a success. The boys were greatly benefited in body and *morale*. Our Benevolent Fraternity workers gained valuable experience along these lines, which hereafter will bear fruit in their summer activities. It was pleasant to note the improved looks and bearing of the boys on their return from camp, and to hear them declare that they "had had the time of their lives." Mr. Birchall toiled early and late to achieve this result, and deserves our hearty thanks. Mr. S. F. Hubbard, on behalf of the North End Union, was a thoughtful and generous host. Mr. D. É. Mook, of Denison House, Rev. Charles W. Simpson, of Morgan Memorial, and others heartily co-operated.

The Free Reading-room of the Public Library in our building has been open afternoon and evening all summer.

Vacation parties of women and children were sent out as usual during the past summer to the country. One party went to the Mothers' Rest at Newton Highlands, another to Vacation House at Shirley, Mass., other individuals were sent to private homes, and still others on day's outings.

The generosity of the Boston Elevated Railway directors gave us the opportunity to distribute free tickets for electric

car-rides into the suburbs, among many who else would have enjoyed little or no contact with nature.

Through the Boston Young Men's Christian Union's Country Week Committee others, aged or invalid, were given free carriage drives, and a number of children were sent on a country week.

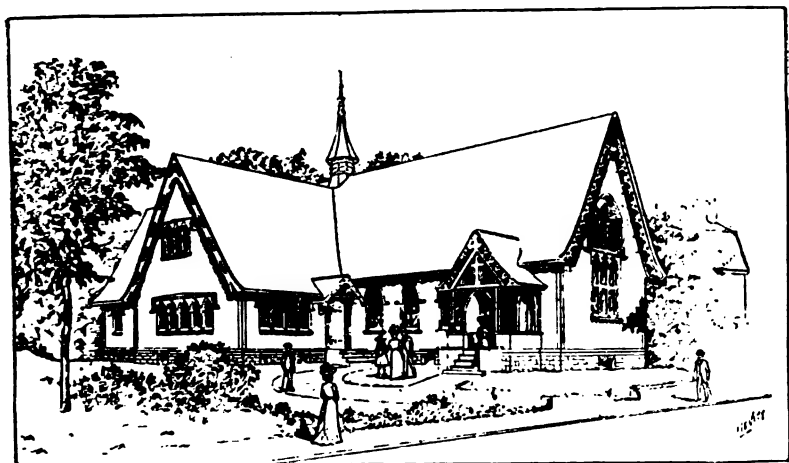
During the past summer, as for many years past, the Boston Flower and Fruit Mission, the original of this noble form of benevolence, has met on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week at the Parker. Some 30 workers were kept busy in receiving the flowers, fruits, and vegetables sent from many individuals, societies, and churches in the country, and distributing them in the hospitals and tenements of the hot and crowded city. About 40,000 bouquets were made up and distributed.

The Free Distribution of Ice to the Sick Poor during the summer, a unique feature of our work, was carried on as usual. The ice orders were distributed through the Associated Charities, Boston Dispensary, Homœopathic Medical Dispensary, Instructive District Nursing Association, and New England Deaconess Home. About 180 orders, each calling for 25 pounds, were issued.

Finally, various summer excursions were arranged by Miss Jenison at the seaside and in the woods and fields.

The building has been open all day, and the pastor or one of the staff in attendance.

Thus the summer season, when so many of our regular activities are suspended, gave us new opportunities for usefulness and kindly help to the community.



CHANNING CHURCH.

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In charge, Rev. JOHN B. W. DAY, Dorchester.

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work done at Channing Church during the year from May, 1903, to May, 1904.

At the annual meeting of the parish of Channing Church, held in May, 1903, an attempt was made to effect a closer organization of the parish. Both minister and people felt that the organization should be centralized and made more powerful and responsible. With this end in view the parish adopted a simple constitution, and elected officers and committees. In so far as this organization has been able to make itself felt in church affairs, the attempt has been justified.

But the conditions of the parish have prevented this organization from being the power for effective church work for which it was created. Perhaps too much was hoped for. It may well be that a year is too short a time to bring together so many varying elements into a working force.

It must not be supposed, however, that much real work has not been done.

At its annual meeting the parish voted to assume the responsibility for the running expenses, exclusive of the minister's salary, for the coming year. I am happy to state that the parish has made good its promise. By means of subscriptions, an annual fair, and various entertainments, the necessary amount has been raised.

Services have been held each Sunday during ten months of the year. The conditions of the neighborhood made it seem advisable to the parish to discontinue services during July and August. Many of our members leave the city during the warm weather, while the greater number of those who remain spend their Sundays in the country. In addition, our workers in the Sunday-school and clubs, desiring a vacation, discontinue their work.

Sunday-school. Too much cannot be said of the excellent work which our Sunday-school is doing under the direction of Mr. Ernest N. Bagg and his volunteer assistants. The school numbers about 90 children, of whose parents the greater part do not attend morning service. The attendance is excellent; and the general interest of the children in the work of the school is all that can be desired. The lessons of the school during the year have been the Life Studies issued by the Sunday School Society. Weekly teachers' meetings have been held. Special services on Sunday afternoons have been held once a month. These have awakened an interest in the school among the parents and general public. Entertainments for the children have been held from time to time.

The school, however, is greatly hampered by lack of teachers.

Women's Alliance. The Alliance continues to be a working force in our church. During the last year it has departed

somewhat from its methods in former years. While still maintaining a strong interest in local affairs, it has devoted much more of its attention to Alliance work. Several receptions to neighboring Alliances have been held, at which addresses upon various topics have been given. Entertainments have been held from time to time, with unusual success.

Girls' Club. Early last fall a girls' club was organized for social and charitable purposes. Meetings have been held fortnightly, and excellent work has been done. The club contributed much to the success of the annual Parish Fair. At Christmas time the girls visited a children's hospital, taking gifts which had been made at their meetings. This spring a successful entertainment was given under their auspices.

Boys' Club. The boys of the parish meet weekly for work in our gymnasium. In March the parish made the experiment of hiring an instructor for this work. Classes were formed, and systematic gymnasium work was undertaken. So successful has this work proved that its continuance is assured for another season.

Channing Guild. In the spring the young people of the parish united for social purposes. Under their auspices a series of evening parties were held in the Old Dorchester Club-house. More informal meetings have been held bi-monthly in the gymnasium of the church. Under their direction a musicale recently was given in the church. Preparations are already under way for a series of literary and musical entertainments to be given during the coming winter. Through these means it is hoped to increase the social life of the church.

JOHN DAY,
Minister.

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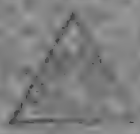
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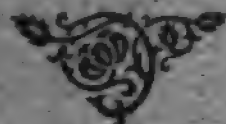
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THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

HISTORY, AIMS, AND METHODS.

DR. JOSEPH TUCKERMAN began his labors as a minister-at-large in Boston in 1826. He was at first supported by individual contributions. In 1827 his work was taken in charge by the AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION; and regular reports were made to that body. It was found desirable to place this growing work on a different basis; and the Association transferred its supervision to what is now known as the BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES, which has carried on the enterprise ever since. This body was founded in 1834 by delegates from the Unitarian churches of Boston, and incorporated in 1839. To-day it represents a distinct organized work of the Unitarian denomination in Boston, through the several channels of philanthropy, education, worship, and free church privileges. It aims in every true sense to be a Ministry-at-large. The churches representing the "Fraternity" are situated at widely contrasted localities in the city. In each case the plan is carried out of fitting the activities to that particular region.

A summary of the different methods employed in carrying out its plans would contain nearly everything that comes within the scope of Christian civilization. The Fraternity carries on industrial training, free lecture courses, gymnasia, reading-rooms, clubs and classes, and all modern helps to good citizenship. On the other hand, it maintains preaching, Sunday-schools, pastoral relations with the sick and poor, and whatsoever belongs to a living Christian church. It is the "Fraternity's" province to care for the churchless, whether rich or poor; and it seeks to provide facilities for the people who are either indifferent to church life and work or

have become alienated. In other words, it seeks by a flexible and all-around manner to be the Ministry-at-large of the Unitarian churches of Boston. The means for this wide and varied work are provided by funds which have been steadily growing through bequests since the "Fraternity's" origin, and also by annual donations from most of the Unitarian churches in the city of Boston. The conduct of its affairs has been so discreet in the past that it has won confidence from all sources. Although under the auspices of the Unitarian churches, it is unsectarian, and aims to instil those truths which lead to character, and to spread the influences which tend to create self-respect, self-support, and genuine religious faith. Some of our best-known leaders in religious and moral movements have been associated with this organization, such as Channing, Gannett, Henry Ware, Parkman, Barrett, S. K. Lothrop, Robbins, Starr King, J. F. W. Ware, Henry P. Kidder, Charles Faulkner, and Rufus Ellis. Recognizing the claims and opportunities of modern life in a city like Boston, the "Fraternity," while it seeks to preserve all the merits of the past ways of carrying on missionary work, desires at the same time to add thereto new methods and enlarged plans.

DELEGATE MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES.

The Annual Meeting of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches is on the first Sunday in May, at which time the officers for the year are chosen. The contributions of branches should be paid before the first day of May, when the financial year begins. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

The delegates of the churches represented in the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches are divided into committees, serving two months. Each Committee, during its time, visits the various Chapels and Sunday-schools. A list of the delegates will be found in the appendix.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED MAY 1, 1905.

IN presenting their Seventy-first Annual Report the Executive Committee desire gratefully to acknowledge that during another year the favor of Divine Providence has attended the important work intrusted to their care, and that its friends have again afforded it the encouragement and support needed for its successful prosecution.

The Treasurer's Report will show that while the expenditures in behalf of the different departments of the work have been unusually large, yet there has been a corresponding increase in the contributions of the churches, the gifts and bequests of generous friends, and the home income of our chapels. The total receipts do not yet suffice to cover the annual deficit, which for some years past has been incurred by the extension of the work, but we have been enabled to reduce this deficit by \$1,421.52 from last year's financial exhibit.

Particular and grateful mention should be made of the large contributions by friends and well-wishers to our Bulfinch Place Church for the reconstruction and improvement of its edifice. These contributions amount to \$14,045.48. We cherish the belief that they have been well bestowed and wisely expended. From the estate of the late Benjamin Champney of Brighton, Mass., the sum of \$905.49 has been received as a special legacy to the Parker Memorial Church, an expression of interest which is very gratifying.

Your Committee has also been notified during the past year of a bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah E. Potter, whose generous benefactions will make her memory blessed in this community for long years to come. There is a probability that this amount will be largely increased by our

Society's share of the residuary estate. The past year has been notable for the solution of certain problems concerning the future of our work which latterly have occupied our chief attention.

For the past two or three years, or since the completion of the new building for the Morgan Memorial, the affairs of that branch have occupied a large share of the attention of the Executive Committee. The new edifice, with its greatly increased facilities for institutional and religious work, naturally led to a large expansion of the activities of the Morgan Memorial, and they in turn to a larger demand upon the treasuries of the two associations which jointly conduct it, the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, and the Methodist City Missionary Society. Five or six years ago each of these contributed from \$1,000 to \$1,200 towards this work. Since then this amount has been doubled, each Society expending \$2,500. But even this amount did not suffice for the ever-expanding activities set on foot by Rev. Mr. Helms and his assistants. Last year the Fraternity was asked for an appropriation of \$3,150. This led to a careful inquiry and study of the situation at Morgan Memorial.

Several joint conferences were held by the Executive Committee with a similar committee of the Methodist City Missionary Society. Finally a plan was evolved by which a joint committee of Unitarians and Methodists shall take entire control hereafter of the administration and finances of Morgan Memorial. The Fraternity and Methodist Body will each contribute a stated sum with, it is hoped, a gradual lessening of the amount thus appropriated — but will incur no further responsibility. The edifice and its contents will remain, as heretofore, in the possession of the Benevolent Fraternity.

The new administration has started in with much enthusiasm and gives good promise of success. To provide money for the needs of the work, and enlist the larger public, a Bazaar, or Festival of Nations, was held in February, which proved all its promoters had anticipated, setting the institu-

tion well on its feet financially, and bringing in new material and moral forces for its future support. The Executive Committee congratulates the Board of Delegates on this happy solution of a perplexing problem, and on the improved prospects which have dawned upon this branch of our missionary activities.

Your Committee has continued to meet regularly every month except July and August, and also on extraordinary occasions. Its sessions have been fully attended and often lengthy. Much work has also been done through sub-committees. The Central Office of the Benevolent Fraternity, in the Parker Memorial Building, has been open every day for information and service, with the Corresponding Secretary in charge. From it various general activities have been conducted. The Seventieth Annual Report was issued in October, and copies distributed among churches and philanthropies, and the many friends of our cause. In June an eight-page folder, giving information concerning summer services in Unitarian Churches in Boston and a list of the preachers on Boston Common, was widely circulated.

The Sunday afternoon open-air services on the Common were conducted by the Corresponding Secretary from June 5th to September 11th. The attendance was satisfactory, but the placing of the new band-stand for the Municipal Sunday Afternoon Concerts close to the preaching station we have occupied for years past, thus compelling us to defer our services till almost sunset, and engendering noise and confusion around us, will, we fear, either compel us to make a change of location, or to abandon this form of religious activity.

On Sunday evening, May 22d, at the opening of anniversary week, there was held in the Arlington Street Church a largely attended and most successful public meeting in the interest of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. Its newly elected president, Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, presided, and made the opening remarks, followed by addresses from

Revs. Edward Cummings, C. R. Eliot, and Chas. G. Ames. The music was rendered by the Arlington Street Choir, Mr. Lewis S. Thompson, Organist and Director, to whom our thanks are due.

Your Committee has had in mind a similar meeting during the coming anniversary week, but has finally decided to postpone it until the autumn or early winter, in order to reach more fully the constituency in our churches whom it especially desires to interest in the Fraternity.

A welcome opportunity of this character was offered in October last, when the Boston Unitarian Club kindly devoted one of its evenings to a consideration of the work carried on by our chapels and Ministers-at-large. The speakers were Rev. C. W. Wendtè, who treated of the general nature and scope of the work, and illustrated it by means of stereopticon views; Rev. Christopher R. Eliot; Rev. Edgar J. Helms; Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard, and President P. R. Frothingham, who closed the meeting with a general summary and appeal. The close attention and warm response of the auditory, composed of many representative Unitarian laymen, made this a memorable occasion in the history of our Association.

The President and other members of the Board have found opportunities during the year to present the work of the Benevolent Fraternity to the larger public. The Corresponding Secretary has lectured upon Dr. Tuckerman and the Ministry-at-large before various bodies in Boston and vicinity, and in particular to the faculty and students of the Meadville Theological School, and the Harvard Club of theological students. He has also visited the various chapels and aided the general work according to his opportunity.

In response to the application of Christ Church, Dorchester, the Committee has again remitted the annual interest on the mortgage of \$10,000 held by the Fraternity on its Church edifice. The growing prosperity of this society under its present pastor leads us to hope that this aid may not hereafter be required of us.

This seems the proper place to say that after four years of service as the active Secretary of the Fraternity and Minister of the Parker Memorial, REV. CHAS. W. WENDTÈ has tendered his resignation. On his insistence it has been accepted, and he will withdraw from the work October first, 1905.

The Committee congratulates the Board of Delegates upon these various evidences of continued interest and confidence in the Ministry-at-large. It is persuaded that this confidence is rightly bestowed, and that it cannot more satisfactorily demonstrate this, or place the practical operation of this Ministry in a clearer light, than by permitting the Ministers-at-large to speak for themselves. The annual reports in which these gentlemen set forth the special activities of the branches in their charge present the best account that can be given of what is being done, through the instrumentality of this Association, for the relief of poverty, the uplifting of character, the elevation of the home, the instruction of children, and the religious inspiration of the less favored classes of the community.

CHARLES W. WENDTÈ,

For the Executive Committee.

STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER,

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF THE
BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1905.

INCOME.

Rents	\$ 3,615 00
Bank tax rebate	37 22
Income from investments	10,292 37
Contributions from friends	299 28
Contributions from churches	5,325 00
Contributions for Morgan Memorial	1,682 89
Contributions for Parker Memorial	3,608 37
Contributions for Bulfinch Place Church	300 00
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We have also received as a special contribution for alterations and repairs at Bulfinch Place Church, including a new organ, the sum of \$14,045.48.

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$9,702 88
City of Boston, 1904 taxes	231 04
Electrical work, and repairs at store	180 00
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	\$10,113 92
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Rents received	\$1,080 00
Home income	2,702 88
Benjamin Champney bequest	905 49
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	4,688 37
Net expense	\$5,425 55
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Carried forward	\$10,113 92

Brought forward \$10,113 92

North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,019 29	4,019 29
Rents received	1,000 00	
Net expense	\$3,019 29	

Channing Church.

Expenses		2,094 06
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Morgan Memorial.

Expenses (including rentals turned over)	\$4,520 26	
Interest on mortgages	1,150 00	
	\$5,670 26	5,670 26
Rents received	\$1,535 00	
Friends	1,660 71	
Received account of insurance	22 18	3,217 89
Net expense	\$2,452 37	

Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses (general)	\$4,913 87	
Changing outside doors	75 00	
Building iron fence	114 98	
Repairs on roof	153 40	
	\$5,257 25	5,257 25
Home contribution	300 00	
Net expense	\$4,957 25	
Home contributions for alterations and repairs and organ	\$14,000 00	
Int. from bank on deposits	45 48	
	\$14,045 48	
Expense on above account	13,921 31	
Balance on hand	\$124 17	
Services on Common		103 35
Administrative expenses		1,269 01
<i>Carried forward</i>	\$28,517 14	

Brought forward \$28,527 14

Sundries.

Printing and postage	\$249 08	
Newspaper advertising	14 33	
Examination of Treasurer's books	25 00	
Storage of Brattle Square Church silver	5 00	
Old volume Annual Report	1 45	
Keys and locksmith	4 00	298 86
Expenditures	\$28,826 00	
Income	25,160 13	
Deficit	\$3,665 87	
Net gain on securities sold	898 00	
Actual Deficit	\$2,767 87	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions and Donations.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,940 00	
King's Chapel	1,410 00	
South Congregational Church	1,100 00	
Second Church in Boston	400 00	
First Church in Boston	200 00	
First Parish, Dorchester	125 00	
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	40 00	
First Parish, West Roxbury	30 00	
Church of the Disciples	25 00	
First Congregational, Jamaica Plain	25 00	
Hawes Unitarian Church	25 00	
First Parish, Brighton	5 00	
	\$5,325 00	\$5,325 00

For Parker Memorial.

Benjamin Champney bequest	\$905 49	
Home Income	2,702 88	3,608 37

For Morgan Memorial.

Methodist Denomination	\$ 1,660 71
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For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution for general expenses	\$ 300 00	
Home contribution for alterations and new organ	14,000 00	14,300 00

Friends.

Grenville H. Norcross	\$ 100 00	
Mrs. Otis Norcross	100 00	
Collection at annual meeting	44 28	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25 00	
W. H. P. Robbins	20 00	
Robert T. Jackson	10 00	299 28

I have examined the accounts of Mr. William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor, for the year ending May 1st, 1905, verifying the investments and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments, and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached.

GEORGE S. CHASE.

Boston, May 1st, 1905.



BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

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BULFINCH PLACE, NEAR BOWDOIN SQUARE.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, *Minister.*

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, *Assistants.*

WHEN our last report was rendered, we were indulging in "great expectations" over the plans for remodelling and renovating our church.

To-day we report the realization of our hopes, and express once more our gratitude for the generosity and loyal support of the friends who have made this possible.

Under the direction of the building committee (Mr. F. O. North, Chairman, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, and Mr. Ernest Jackson) and the architect, Mr. Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., the work was begun on June 6, and with the exception of the gymnasium and the organ, was finished on October 3. Our first service was held on Sunday, October 9. Great credit is due to the builder, Mr. J. C. Wilkinson, as well as to the architect, for the prompt and thorough way in which a somewhat complicated work was carried out.

By the middle of November, various details of furnishing and housekeeping arrangements had been attended to, so that we could invite our friends to a Reception and House-warming. This was given on November 18, under the direction of a special committee, of which Mr. Henry Pickering was chairman, and it proved a brilliant success.

The Church was crowded with present and past members of our Chapel and Sunday School, congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, the President of the Benevolent Fraternity, Rev. E. A. Horton, Rev. A. D. R. Shurtleff, and Mr. Eliot, after which the whole building was

thrown open for inspection, while Mr. and Mrs. Eliot and the Committee were receiving their friends in the parlors below. It was an occasion never to be forgotten. Old friends and new friends mingled most happily; beautiful flowers decorated pulpit and platform; as a surprise to the minister, the old library had been transformed, as by magic, into a most convenient minister's room, with gifts of pictures and furniture; indeed everything had been done that loving hearts and helpful hands could do to make the evening memorable and to fill our cup of gratitude full to overflowing.

Early in December orders were given to finish the gymnasium (baths and dressing-rooms), all other bills having been paid or provided for, and by February 1 this work, as well as the installing of the gymnasium apparatus, was practically finished. In the meantime, the new organ, expected for Christmas, had been lost in the fire which consumed the Hutchings-Votey factory, and this caused another and somewhat tedious delay in bringing our plans to completion. Much of the work of constructing the organ, usually done in the factory, had to be done at the church. But "patience wins," and on March 26 the organ was used for the first time, proving most satisfactory. It is said to be, for its size, as good an instrument as can be built. Having tubular action (unusual in a small organ) it has been possible to secure a much larger variety of couplers and combinations.

As to the general result of all these alterations and improvements there can be but one opinion. Everyone who has seen the church since they were made is enthusiastic in their praise. The auditorium itself has been greatly improved, being more home-like and church-like. The club rooms are very pleasing, already adorned with memorial gifts of pictures, and the gymnasium is a delightful surprise to all who visit it. Best of all, there is nothing of the "institution" about the building. The church atmosphere and the home feeling have been preserved. It is a building for religious worship and for that kind of social service to which all worship ought to lead.

We are gratified also to report that all bills have been paid or are provided for. The total amount contributed for this purpose has been \$14,300. Of this amount \$7,500 was given by present or past teachers of the Howard Sunday School, \$900 by the congregation, the remainder by friends of the Chapel.

[The actual cost of the improvements (including organ, gymnasium, apparatus, fixtures) will be \$15,000. A friend has guaranteed \$500 of this, but Mr. Eliot does not wish to accept this offer, and is busy raising the amount in smaller sums.]

OUR WORK.

Referring to last year's report, it will be found that while our hopes were fixed upon the renovation of our building, our chief desire was to refresh and renew thereby the genuine work of our ministry. The policy outlined was as follows: first to maintain and strengthen the ethical and religious work represented by the Church and the Sunday School, making character and good citizenship our constant aim; second, to do more and more neighborhood work of the social type, both among children and adults, by such agencies as we have already employed, made far more interesting and effective by the improved conditions; and, in general, to continue the work of a Ministry-at-large in ways old and new. There has been no change in our ideals because of the changes made in our material environment, but we are glad to report a decided quickening of interest and life. The year, nevertheless, has been necessarily one of readjustment and experiment, of slow progress, on account of the delays in the building mentioned above, and we consider it to have been a time of preparation for new work rather than of accomplishment. This is to be taken into account in estimating results.

THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All the regular activities of the Church and Sunday School have been continued successfully. While we cannot report an increase in numbers either in the congregation or the School, we have held our own, and we believe that the religious feeling and spiritual life in both has steadily deepened. The Sunday Services have been enriched by a responsive service and by better music.

Soon after the organ was finished we began as an experiment a series of six Evening Services, with good music and short sermons, upon the general subject "A Gospel for To-day," by leading ministers of Boston and vicinity. These are still in progress and are proving reasonably successful, bringing together a steady congregation of about one hundred, many of whom are young people from the neighborhood or people whom we seldom see in the afternoons. The ministers assisting are as follows: Rev. James Eells, Rev. S. A. Eliot, D.D., Rev. W. H. Lyon, D.D., Rev. C. F. Dole, and Rev. C. G. Ames, D.D. What we hope to prove by this experiment is the need of a regular evening service next winter for the benefit of our immediate neighborhood. But no one not in the work itself can fully appreciate the difficulty of reaching such a neighborhood as ours. We are coming nearer to success than for many years.

On March 23, the Teachers of the Sunday School gave a supper to their scholars. One hundred and forty persons were seated at the tables (the youngest pupils were not invited), there was music and singing by the school, and addresses afterwards. The occasion was so full of life, the effect upon the school was so good, that we hope to make this "Sunday School Supper" an annual feature in our spring programme. It seemed to mark a new departure in the direction of drawing teacher and scholars into a closer companionship, and of deepening their loyalty to one another and the School. At present the Sunday School numbers 175, including teach-

ers. About one-half the scholars are over sixteen years of age.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

In regard to the work represented by the Woman's Alliance, the Winkley Guild, the Red, White, and Blue Club, the Eliot Circle and other Lend-a-Hand Clubs, and the Saturday classes of the Sphinx Club, it is sufficient to say that it has gone forward without intermission or failure. To describe what each of these societies has done would be to repeat what has been said year after year. One or two items of interest may be mentioned, however, to prove their activity. The Woman's Alliance contributed \$100 towards the church treasury in addition to all its other work, although this was not the year for its biennial Fair. The Red, White, and Blue Club paid for the furniture in its new club-room and kept the room open for reading and sociability three evenings each week during the winter months. Its members have been active in various ways to help the minister and the church. The club membership has increased, and a new feeling of responsibility seems to have been aroused. By its invitation a Men's Meeting was held, to be addressed by Mr. Edwin D. Mead upon "The Higher Patriotism." Fifty persons were present, and something more along this line will be attempted next season. The Eliot Circle now has 120 members, mothers and neighborhood friends. It has had a remarkably successful winter, financially and socially. The classes of the Sphinx Club have been larger, and the work has been greatly helped by the new class-rooms. Fifty-one individuals have been taught, and the total membership by classes (Piano, Sewing, Embroidery, Elocution, and Cooking) has been 69.

The Winkley Guild has met regularly, and is taking a special interest in the Sunday Evening Services. It has added to its regular membership an associate membership for the purpose of moral and financial support. Thirty such members have joined. The paper, "Our Work," is published under its direction.

SOCIAL LIFE.

The social life of the Church and Sunday School and of the Clubs has been kept up as usual. Again it would be but repetition to give in detail the story of the Sunday School Rally, the Christmas Parties, the Teachers' Annual Meeting, the R. W. B. Club Dramatics, the May Festival of Lend-a-Hand Clubs, the Little Helpers' Sale, the Eliot Circle Fair, the Little People's Entertainment, the R. W. B. Club Supper, the Penny Supper, the Old Ladies' Party, and less important affairs. Each has had its place and has served its purpose in bringing good cheer to our people, old and young.

LECTURES, GYMNASIUM, ETC.

Encouraged by the experience of previous years, two series of Stereopticon Lectures, eleven lectures in all, were planned and successfully carried through, from January 18 to March 29. Season tickets were sold, making the price of admission five cents, while for single lectures the charge was ten. The result was very gratifying. The audience averaged two hundred, and although we were obliged to pay several lecturers, and in some cases for special lanterns (to please the lecturers), all expenses were met and a small surplus left over. The people were most appreciative. It would seem easily possible to repeat this success another season. We owe special thanks both to the lecturers who gave their services freely and to those who came at a greatly reduced price.

The newest feature of our winter's work has been the Gymnasium. Although not ready for use until the middle of February, it has already proved its usefulness as an adjunct to our church and neighborhood work. It was thought wise to proceed cautiously in forming classes, as we recognized the experimental nature of this new departure and scarcely knew how it would fit in with our other work. Our ideal

was not a play-room, but a gymnasium for genuine service in physical culture.

A teacher for women was secured, a graduate of the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, and a class of thirty-two members was formed, to meet twice a week, on Monday and Thursday evenings. Twenty lessons have been given, with exceedingly satisfactory results. The discipline of the teacher has been excellent, and the regularity and enthusiasm of the class most encouraging.

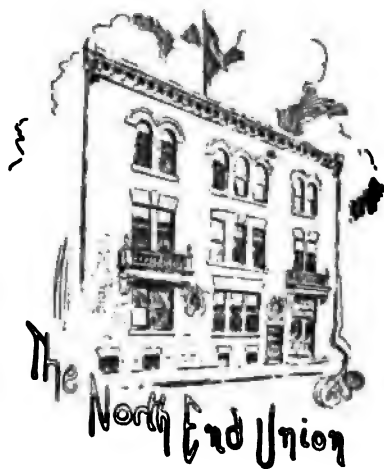
On Tuesday and Saturday evenings a class of young men has met, under the direction of an assistant in the Hemenway Gymnasium, Cambridge. This class has been small, and in some respects not as satisfactory as the women's class; nevertheless the attendance has been quite regular, and good work has been done. There have been twelve members.

On Tuesday and Saturday afternoons a class of boys from ten to twelve years old has been conducted by Mr. H. W. Winkley. This class also was small, but enthusiastic.

We have charged a small fee for membership (one dollar) and for lockers (fifty cents) and members have purchased their own suits. We are satisfied with the results thus far attained, and are convinced that we shall do good work in the future.

Another new departure, this year, has been the publication of a monthly paper entitled "Our Work," under the auspices of the Guild. Its purpose is to forward the interests of our various clubs and organizations, and to be a medium of communication between the church and its many friends. It has met with a cordial reception and seems to fill a long-felt want. The expense has been met by voluntary contributions from the clubs and individuals interested in the Winkley Guild. Copies are sent by mail to persons paying postage, and to others whose interest we wish to awaken or retain.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



THE NORTH END UNION.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, *Superintendent*, 20 Parmenter Street.

MISS FLORENCE N. BARKER, *Assistant*.

The activities of the North End Union during the current year have been as follows : —

Gymnasium —

SENIOR CLASS, two evenings, DR. C. C. STROUD, *Instructor*.

JUNIOR CLASS, one evening, MAX M. FRITZ, *Instructor*.

BOYS' CLASS, two afternoons, ALFRED B. KERSHAW, *Instructor*.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS, one evening, MISS LOVORA A. WEBSTER, *Instructor*.

CHILDREN'S CLASS, one afternoon, under MISS HASTINGS and MISS SANFORD.

Dressmaking Classes —

(1) For SCHOOL GIRLS, two afternoons, MRS. LATHROP, *Teacher*.

(2) For SCHOOL GIRLS, two afternoons, MISS FLYNN, *Teacher*.

WORKING GIRLS, two evenings, MRS. LATHROP, *Teacher*.

MOTHERS, one evening, MRS. LATHROP, *Teacher*.

Plain Sewing —

FOR MOTHERS, one evening, under MISS BARKER and MISS SANFORD.

"MOTHERS' HELPERS," one afternoon, MISS MARY SANFORD, *Teacher*.

MENDING CLASS, one afternoon, under direction of MRS. TUFTS, MRS. WELD, MISS BARKER, and MISS SANFORD.

Saturday Morning Class —

Under the direction of MISS MARY P. BARNES, MISS M. S. BLAKE, MISS ELIZABETH F. TOWER, and MISS M. L. BIBBEY.

MRS. M. G. EVRETT, *Instructor*, and twenty-five teachers.

Trade Classes —

PLUMBING SCHOOL, two evenings, WM. H. HASKELL, *Instructor*.

Supervisors: C. H. Cronin, David Craig, Edw. C. Kelly, John Crawford, Daniel Shannon.

Limited to young men in the trade.

LECTURES ON PLUMBING, one evening, DAVID CRAIG, *Lecturer*.

To pupils of the Plumbing School.

SCHOOL OF PRINTING, twelve months' course, A. A. STEWART, *Instructor*.

Daily from 7.40 A.M. to 5.45 P.M.

Supervisors: J. Stearns Cushing, Geo. H. Ellis, J. W. Phinney, Geo. W. Simonds, J. Eveleth Griffith, Joseph Lee, Samuel F. Hubbard.

Pupils apprenticed to employers. The School made a part of the apprenticeship agreement.

Illustrated Lectures —

Dec. 3. "Boston in the Revolution." GEORGE G. WOLKINS.

Dec. 10. "Nightless Day." HON. J. WILDER FAIRBANK.

Dec. 17. "Camping by Mountain, Lake, and Stream."

FRANK W. BIRCHALL.

Jan. 7. "Hawaii, Its Scenery and People."

PROF. GEO. H. BARTON.

Jan. 14. "The Blue Hills."

EDWARD LITTLE ROGERS.

Jan. 21. "Some Stories of Animals."

WILLIAM LYMAN UNDERWOOD.

Feb. 4. "Northern Scotland and Adjacent Islands."

HON. HARVEY N. SHEPARD.

Feb. 11. "The Storm Heroes of the Coast." ARTHUR K. PECK.

Feb. 18. "Stories of Washington and Lincoln."

JOHN C. S. ANDREWS.

March 4. "Argentina."

GEORGE W. WORTHLEY.

Boys' Clubs —

EDWIN D. MEAD CLUB.

Max M. Fritz, *President*; Morris L. Gay, *Supervisor*.

MAYFLOWER CLUB.

Arthur Wernick, *President*; George C. Beals, *Supervisor*.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB.

Benjamin Elfman, *President*; Max M. Fritz, *Supervisor*.

WEBSTER LITERARY CLUB.

Morris Goldstein, *President*; Isaac Abelson, *Supervisor*.

WASHINGTON CLUB.

Julius Lippa, *President*.

GOOD WILL CLUB.

Samuel A. Block, *President*; Alfred B. Kershaw, *Supervisor*.

JOHN WARE CLUB.

Manuel Saphir, *President*; Miss Abby S. Perry, *Supervisor*.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD CLUB.

Samuel Levine, *President*; Alfred B. Kershaw, *Supervisor*.

Girls' Clubs —**PROGRESS CLUB.**

Ethel Alpert, *President*; Miss Julia W. Frothingham, *Supervisor*.

JERUSALEM STARS.

Celia Stanetsky, *President*; Miss Julia W. Frothingham, *Supervisor*.

Miscellaneous —

MODIFIED MILK FOR BABIES, daily except Sunday.

PLAY-ROOM FOR LITTLE ONES, every afternoon except Saturday and Sunday.

Under direction of MISS BARKER and MISS SANFORD.

STAMP SAVINGS, twice a week.

PUBLIC BATHS, week days, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Sundays, 7 to 10.30 A.M.

Men, 10 cents; Women and Children, 5 cents. Mrs. Gustafsen in charge.

CITY HISTORY CLASS, one evening, F. J. ALLEN, *Instructor*.

FLOWER WORK (Branch of Mutual Helpers).

Two days a week during Summer. Distributes bouquets to the sick and shut-in.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, from 3.15 to 4.15 P.M.

Under the direction of MISS JULIA W. FROTHINGHAM.

WINDOW GARDENING.

Flower seeds, loam, and flower pots sold at nominal prices.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY, every evening.

GAME ROOM, every evening except Sunday.

DANCING SOCIALS, monthly, for Members and Lady Friends.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

Miss Florence N. Barker, in residence at the Children's House, reports as follows:—

The work of the Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street, is under the general direction and supervision of the Children's House Committee, Miss Frothingham, Miss Mason, Miss Minns, Mrs. Frye, and Miss Wells.

This department has progressed along the same practical lines as heretofore. There has been a steady and persistent demand for the kind of instruction in dressmaking and plain sewing which our classes afford. Careful investigation of the needs of each applicant has justified a continuance of these classes, as supplementary to the Public School work. Two groups of school girls from ten to fourteen years (thirty-six in number) have each made for themselves three and four dresses or shirt-waists. In addition to this, creditable work on garments for the younger ones has been done at home and exhibited to us with great pride and delight. The mothers are constantly expressing genuine appreciation for this most practical instruction, and make every effort to keep the girls in strict attendance.

Two paid teachers have charge of the various dressmaking classes, and thorough work is always insisted upon.

Regular lessons in mending and darning (on clean garments brought from home) are considered an important part of this course, and noticeably excellent results are being attained. A second mending class for younger girls, and another group, calling themselves "Mothers' Helpers," doing various little odds and ends of sewing specially requested by the mothers, have been successfully carried on by several volunteer workers. These groups have an average attendance of fifteen each.

Thirty-five working girls have attended evening classes in dressmaking and have been most grateful, not only for the careful instruction, but for the opportunity of making the garments, so much needed, in a reasonably short time.

The class-room is a pleasant meeting place. The resident worker is always present and on close friendly terms with each one, whose personal needs, known to her, are the requirements for admission. Attendance is excellent.

The mothers (twenty-five in number) greatly enjoy and profit by *their* weekly class lesson, and deem it a real privilege. Many tell us that it is the one evening they have out of the house, and something to look forward to from one week to another. Usually there is a short informal "After-meeting" for social chat and neighborhood news.

Stamp Savings is also a feature of these classes and appreciated by all.

The afternoon playroom accommodates some sixty children, all selected because of some special need. Miss Lovine Hastings and Miss Jennie Colby have gladly come to us one afternoon each week to vary the usual routine by giving the little ones simple physical-culture exercises embodied in most delightful games, etc., especially adapted to their strength and ability. A number of undeveloped children have been materially benefitted. We acknowledge with grateful thanks the service thus given.

All these various activities, each season, are carefully re-organized according to the needs of the locality and known personally to the resident worker, whose earnest endeavor is to keep constantly in close, sympathetic relationship with the people of the neighborhood.

It is pleasant to note that the several nationalities, represented in the different classes, meet and work harmoniously together, apparently forgetting all differences. With us, of course, no distinctions of this kind are encouraged.

FLORENCE N. BARKER.

GYMNASIUM CLASSES.

The senior class of Gymnastics has been under the direction of Dr. C. C. Stroud, Director of Athletics in Tufts

College, as in former years. Dr. Stroud is an energetic instructor, full of enthusiasm, and well liked. The Union counts itself fortunate in having for this class an instructor who combines with these qualities a thorough knowledge of gymnastic training.

Basket ball has continued popular with both the senior and junior classes, and numerous outside match games have been played.

The girls' gymnasium class, under the direction of Miss Webster, has had a most successful season. The numbers have been large, — so large, in fact, that it was necessary to divide them into two groups. Miss Webster has done splendid work through her earnest devotion and fine teaching. She has held the pupils' attention, stimulated their ambition, and kept their enthusiastic interest throughout the season. No small part of the success of this class is due to Miss Frothingham, who has given constant personal supervision to all the general details, and at the same time has been a sympathetic friend and counsellor of each and every girl. The value of such service cannot be overestimated.

The attendance has been almost perfect.

MODIFIED MILK.

For several months the Union has been one of the depots for the distribution of modified milk for babies prepared by D. Whiting & Sons. At present 170 bottles are sold daily, supplying fifty or more infants.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS.

The average attendance of the Saturday morning sewing class has been 145, divided among twenty-five teachers, and under the general direction of a paid instructor.

Miss Sarah S. Cox, who was formerly associated with Miss Mary P. Barnes and others in the general administration of

this class, died two years ago. She bequeathed to Miss Barnes \$4,000, with the suggestion that the income should be used to defray the expenses of this Sewing School. All of the expenses of this class for the season just closing have been met by the income from this source.

STAMP SAVINGS.

Stamp Savings continue to increase, both in number of depositors and amount deposited. There has been a notable increase in the number of Italian depositors. From October to May there has been deposited in round numbers, \$1,200, and about \$900 withdrawn. The largest number of depositors, at any one time, was 687.

PUBLIC BATHS.

The Municipal Bath-House, which it was voted some years ago to erect at the North End, has not yet materialized, so our Public Bath-room continues to render acceptable service. Although the price charged is only ten cents for men and five cents for women and children, the receipts very nearly pay running expenses.

During the current year the total number of baths given was 10,091, divided as follows: Men, 3,807; Boys, 250; Women, 3,599; Girls, 2,435.

The number of baths given since the opening, Dec. 1, 1894 to Dec. 1, 1904, is: Men, 31,856; Women, 33,943; Boys, 6,063; Girls, 18,025; total, 89,877.

Considering that the Bath-room is half a dozen steps below the level of the street and very small, that the facilities are limited to three tubs and three showers, necessitating much waiting, especially during the summer months, these figures indicate an amount of "next to Godliness" not usually credited to the North End.

SUMMER CAMP.

The summer camp which the Union has been enabled to establish at Bridgton, Maine, through the generous kindness of one of our Directors, Mr. Leonard Tufts, was spoken of in my last Annual Report.

It was hoped to start a Camping Club early in the winter which would build up a camping constituency, develop an interest in nature study, and promote a love of out-door life. This we failed to do because the camping idea is relatively a new one to most of our young men, and the enthusiasm which comes from experience is yet to be developed. It is expected that a sufficient number will avail themselves of the opportunity this year to form a nucleus of such a club next season.

The camp is designed to be of service to working boys, seventeen years of age and upwards. The cost of transportation and board for two weeks has been fixed at twelve dollars. This price will not cover supervision, rent, insurance, and other expenses, but it was felt that a higher price would make it prohibitive to many whom we desired to accommodate. It is believed the camp can be made tributary to the general work of the Union.

CLUBS.

There are eight boys' and two girls' clubs. One new club has been formed during the year which promises to be a very healthy member of our club family, and two have died. The work of the clubs, taken as a whole, has been good. As a means to a definite end this form of work among young people yields larger and surer returns than any other one thing we do.

The work of the Progress Club, a group of working girls under the supervision of Miss Frothingham, calls for special mention. Each week of the month has its regular subject for consideration, — Art, Foreign Travel, Practical Subjects, Business and Social. A study of the artists of the Italian

Renaissance has been made. A sketch of their lives, and pictures illustrative of their greatest works, arranged in orderly sequence, have been entered in blank books. In the same way have been preserved the descriptive accounts of foreign travel, illustrated by typical pictures. Practical subjects, such as Self-Reliance, etc., have been considered by written papers and discussions. All this work has been done with a keen interest and much enthusiasm.

In April a conference of all the clubs was held, each club sending one delegate, and the question considered was, "The value of club work and what can be done to improve it." Mr. Edwin D. Mead, one of the Union directors, was present, and gave a short address.

In response to my request he kindly consented to give his impressions of this form of work, as shown by this conference.

Mr. Mead writes: —

"It was a great pleasure to be present at the conference of the young people's Clubs at the Union this year, as it was to be there similarly last year. One of the pleasantest things about it was to note the distinct advance which this year showed over last. The things which the young people said were better said, and were better worth the saying. I think there is no occasion in our year at the Union which gives the Directors more valuable or authentic revelations of the character of our young people and of their strivings and achievements. To me it was inspiring and really surprising. The excellent form of the successive short speeches, the splendid public spirit which they showed, the interest in local improvement and in good citizenship, the emphasis upon good morals and good manners, the warm testimony to the value of the friendships formed, — all this was strong and fine. These clubs are manifestly real schools for the young people. The serious subjects which they take up and the serious way in which they take them up are rather remarkable. I can imagine no better training for civic responsibility and no more salutary way of cultivating social relations."

PLUMBING SCHOOL.

The Plumbing School has been full to the limit (34), and numbers have been refused admission for lack of room. The

problem of the School is not numbers, but how to make the pupil eager to acquire the amount of training which the science of plumbing obviously demands.

The State law requires that every young man plumber shall have a license. The standard of proficiency required to secure a diploma from our Plumbing School is higher than that required to get a license. It is possible for a boy to secure a license long before he has completed the required course of the School, as has happened. The possession of a license, under such conditions, tends to rob the boy of all ambition to further progress.

The requirements on which our diplomas are based are much too meager to meet the increasing demands of sanitary plumbing, but until a much more rigid State examination of those entering the trade shall be made, the School will have to be content with its present course.

SCHOOL OF PRINTING.

The School of Printing calls for more than a passing notice in order that its larger purpose may be fully understood. To the casual observer the School might seem to be run with no other thought than the training of a number of young men for the benefit of a few employing printers. This view is so superficial as not to require comment; but on the other hand, it is most desirable that the earnest, sincere efforts and the generous financial support which the Supervisors of the School (five of whom are leading master printers) are giving to make the School a success, shall be fully appreciated. The Supervisors realize that their efforts in this connection are not confined to Boston or limited to any one trade; that the School is a sort of laboratory experiment, wherein they are trying to readjust "apprenticeship" conditions, which are so unsatisfactory in all trades, and to determine the logical relation of trade schools to trade requirements.

After four years' experience with an evening school the Supervisors felt warranted last October in opening it as a day

school, which would follow shop practices, the working time of the School to be the same as that of the shop ; that is, nine hours a day, for a period of twelve months.

After a probationary time of three months (to determine fitness) pupils are indentured to well known master printers, a part of which indenture is that the pupil shall serve one year in the School. The tuition is \$100, but arrangements may be made for easy payments. The School is run entirely in the interest of the pupil, and not for the purpose of profit on work done, even though the expense of the School is much larger than the income.

The School offers a concrete proposition, and establishes for the boy definite relations to a livelihood, thereby preventing that uncertainty attendant upon "looking for a job" and the disasters which so often result from "drifting."

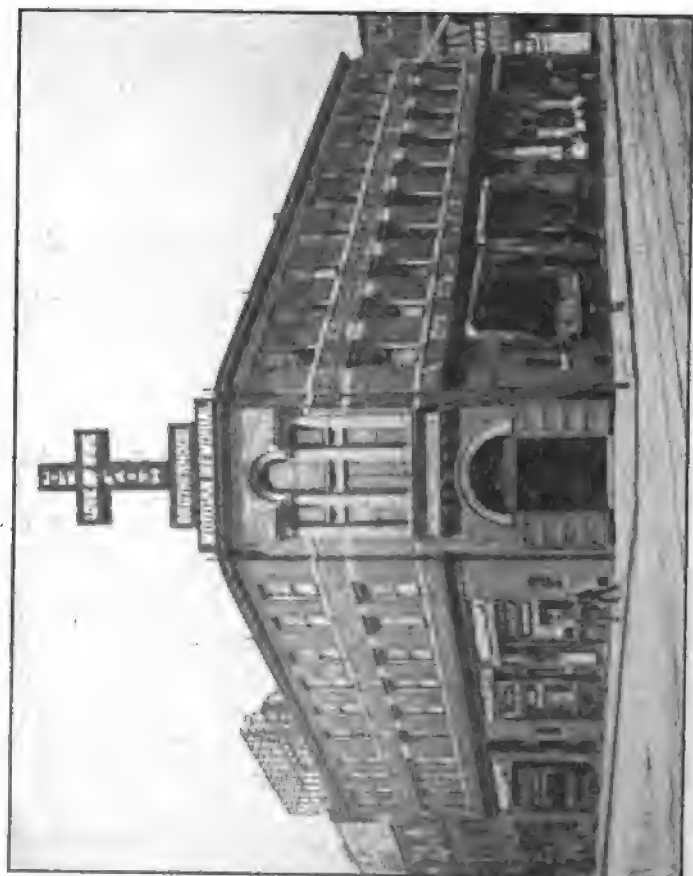
CONCLUSION.

We have had the services of Mr. Alfred B. Kershaw in developing the work of the clubs. He was with us from October until March, which nearly covered the winter's activities. He kindly consented to continue the work of two clubs until the close of the season, for which and all other services we are most grateful. One of the clubs, under his direction, is now rehearsing the "Merchant of Venice," to be given in June, and a creditable performance is confidently expected.

We desire to acknowledge, also, with hearty and appreciative thanks, the services of Miss Sanford in connection with the work of the Children's House, which have been constant, efficient, and most acceptable.

The Union is under obligation to many volunteer workers, teachers of classes, supervisors of clubs, lecturers and others, who have given so generously of their time and who have done so much to carry on the work in hand. To them we accord our sincere thanks.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.



MORGAN MEMORIAL.

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SHAWMUT AVENUE AND CORNING STREET.

In charge, Rev. EDGAR J. HELMS.

Assistants, J. B. EYSTONE, Rev. H. B. KING, F. D. MOORE, Miss EDNA C. BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH S. EMMONS, Miss NEWMAN, Miss FAGAN.

THE year at Morgan Memorial has been one of progress in nearly every feature of the work. While we could not increase our numbers much on account of lack of room, there is great opportunity to improve the quality of work done.

Our field is becoming increasingly difficult. The foreign and colored populations are fast supplanting the Americans remaining in this district. These people need the Gospel even more than those they have supplanted, but they are prejudiced against our form of it, and often object to any kind of religion.

The children coming from these homes to our Sunday School do so without any encouragement from their parents. Many children are found with us on Sunday morning at 10.30 who have had no breakfast, and who have had no help to dress themselves for church. To this neglect is frequently added the vigorous opposition of priest or rabbi, or race prejudice. It is a constant wonder to us how we are able, with our inadequate teaching force and poverty of appliances in the way of pictures, charts, etc., to maintain so large a religious work as we have among the children. The average attendance of our Sunday School the past year has been 140. More than this number attend the services of the Children's Church on Sunday morning and evening. Heretofore we have encouraged our children to attend other Sunday Schools in this neighborhood held at hours that did not conflict with our own. We are convinced the practice has been pernicious to the child, especially with those schools that offer certain awards and give lavishly at Easter, Christmas, etc. There is difficulty to

awaken loyalty and maintain discipline. We have therefore transferred our Junior League from a week night to Sunday afternoon, and are hoping thus to counteract this religious nomadic tendency. Including this service we now have four religious services for children on Sunday.

We have five services for adults on Sunday. This makes a very full day for the workers. It is to be said, however, that so different are our various meetings that few attendants are to be found in more than two services during the day. During the week two evenings are set aside for religious meetings, and every noon hour there is a short service of prayer. During the entire week there are twenty-five regular religious meetings for adults and children. Manifestly the religious work of Morgan Memorial is not forgotten. It is the center and mainspring of our many other activities.

Our club work for girls, held largely on week evenings, has been successful. We are sorry we cannot report the same for the boys. We have been unable to secure leaders for the boys' clubs, and owing to certain racial conflicts that crept in it was deemed advisable to disband in the midst of the season and reorganize in the autumn on a new basis.

The Day Nursery and Kindergarten have continued their beneficent work during the year. The Children had a successful season in the country at Hopkinton under the auspices of the N. E. Deaconess Association. We are now anxiously wondering what generous person or persons will provide us with house and grounds this coming summer. We need a permanent country place for this fresh-air work. We also greatly need a place within a short ride of the city where our missionaries may spend two or three evenings of each week. Living as they do in this building where their work is carried on, they ought to get away from it two or three evenings a week. The nervous strain of taking all this trying work to bed with one at night is too great. We hope someone who reads this report will help us to a little cottage just outside the city limits where each night we may send two or three of our missionaries.

Our People's Forum has had the most successful year of its history. Able men have brought in stirring messages. These messages have been earnestly discussed by our people, and the results have been gratifying.

The Temperance work of the Institution has also had its most successful year. The temperance saloon has not only attracted a large number of unfortunate men, but has been unusually successful in securing their reformation, and obtaining situations for them. The meetings of the Total Abstinence Guild on Saturday nights, composed of reformed men and women, have been well attended. Hundreds have signed the pledge.

The Industrial School has been full ; the quality of work superior to any previous year. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Miss Kate Hobart and her devoted assistants in this endeavor to turn these children of other climes into Yankees or loyal Americans. Our industrial school is a splendid auxiliary to the work of the public school.

Our Coöperative Stores and Industries also report the most successful year in their history. The development of this relief work has been steady. By the aid of a few generous contributors we are able to help hundreds of poor people to their own relief while they are helping others as unfortunate as themselves. We have been greatly encouraged by the assistance of the Associated Charities and other philanthropic organizations in this work. May the good friends everywhere continue to send us their old clothes, carpets, shoes, furniture, etc. We could help as many more deserving persons if we had as much more of these things. During the year, through the generous gift of Mr. E. J. Mitton, of Jordan, Marsh & Co., we have been able to put in a loom to weave up the garments sent us which are beyond repair into rugs and rag carpets. This is affording work to hundreds of worthy women. We have all these garments sterilized when received, and again the finished products are sterilized before they are sold. We hope our friends will generously patronize this gracious and

unobjectionable form of Christian philanthropy. Already we have outgrown our building. We want some steward of the Lord to take this feature of our work to heart, and by the investment of a few thousand dollars make it possible for us to extend a hand of help to more than a thousand unfortunate people every year—help that encourages self-respect and develops the noblest sentiments among those assisted.

The Carnival of Nations held at Morgan Memorial February 20-24 is a matter of glorious history to our Institution. Thousands of friends visited our building and its work. The Unitarian and Methodist ladies of Boston and vicinity worked enthusiastically together. The greatest harmony prevailed. The churches of Greater Boston were grouped in districts and assigned a booth representing some nation. The gross receipts of the Bazaar were \$4,080.95. The net receipts were \$2,865.34. This sum has enabled the Morgan Memorial Joint Committee of Unitarians and Methodists to pay off the deficit for the current year and to reduce the \$50,000 mortgage \$1,000. The value of the Carnival cannot be estimated in dollars. The ladies who so vigorously helped the work have met and organized into a Ladies' Auxiliary to help the work of Morgan Memorial. This organization we trust will mean very much to us in years to come.

The wisdom of making a Joint Committee of the Fraternity of Churches and the Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Methodist denomination responsible for the work of the Institution is demonstrated. Every action of this joint board has been unanimous. The regular meetings which occur every other month have been well attended. The sub-committees which have considered the several phases of the work have done their work with enthusiasm. Never was there such widespread interest and heartier commendation of the work of Morgan Memorial. With such backing we shrink not from the tremendous task that confronts us in this difficult field.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. HELMS.

THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

REV. CHAS. W. WENDTÈ, *Minister.*

MISS KATE B. LITTLEFIELD, *Assistant.*

IN April, 1904, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

“The Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches commends the work accomplished at the Parker Memorial during the past three years under Rev. C. W. Wendtè, and recommends that the work be continued vigorously by the Fraternity, with such changes as from time to time may seem advisable.”

Sustained by this expression of confidence and promise of coöperation, the minister of the Parker Memorial and his assistants have sought during the past year to fulfil worthily their part of the obligation it imposed. The work has gone on much as before, with such new features as suggested themselves.

RELIGION.

The religious purpose has been paramount in all our endeavors. We have aimed to be a church, an every-day and institutional church, but still a church. The Sunday worship has been the centre of our activities and source of our highest inspiration. The Sunday attendance has been very unequal—this is inevitable in a constituency so unstable as ours—but has averaged about 200, about half of whom, we estimate, are residents of the neighborhood. The remainder come from other districts of the city and the suburbs. The experience of the past four years has plainly shown that we cannot hope to build up a family and neighborhood church, in the usual sense, at Parker Memorial. The South End is more and



more becoming a lodging-house district. The families resident therein are chiefly of foreign nationality and Roman Catholic and Jewish faith. The Protestant households are mostly Orthodox in their religious affiliations, and have long since been gathered into the churches of that order, in which the South End abounds. Many of the liberally-disposed residents prefer to worship in the attractive Unitarian parish churches of the Back Bay district, which are easily accessible. The long climb up two steep flights of stairs to our Memorial Hall prevents others, aged or invalid, from a regular attendance at our services. It requires unusual inducements at the Parker on Sunday to assure a congregation.

Accepting these conditions, we have sought to make our service attractive without sensationalism, and helpful to those who may attend. The order of worship has been simple and congregational. The music, as heretofore, led by a chorus choir of thirty voices, trained by Mr. F. W. Wodell. I take this occasion to commend in the highest terms the work of Mr. Wodell at the Parker Memorial for four years past. He has built up, by his earnest, unremitted labors and fine musical ability, one of the best church choruses in the city, whose services not only form an important feature of our own worship, but are in demand on important public occasions, such as the opening session of the World's Peace Congress in Tremont Temple. The presence of these bright and amiable young people at our Sunday services and social gatherings has greatly added to their enjoyableness, while Mr. Wodell has shown in many ways his personal interest in the deeper things of the spirit for which we stand. Grateful mention should be made also of our organist, Mrs. Eleanor G. Crandall, a talented performer on that noble instrument, who has not only given her services but herself to our cause. Under such leadership the congregational singing has been noticeably hearty.

The Minister has sought to preach practical and devotional sermons, varied by courses of lectures likely to be instructive

and helpful to his auditors. Thus a course of four monthly lectures was given by the pastor on the Old Testament Psalms, and illustrated by musical settings of the same by Hebrew, English, German, and American composers. The chorus choir rendered these in an artistic manner, aided by others. One evening the quartette, organist, and cantor of the Jewish Temple Ohabei Shalom illustrated the lecture with characteristic Hebrew music.

A series of six monthly lectures on "Religion and Life in Germany and Scandinavia," illustrated with over six hundred stereopticon views, largely prepared for the course, was given by the minister before crowded audiences. The Christian Holidays were observed with specially printed orders of service, beautiful music, and floral decorations. On Thanksgiving Day the Union South End Service was held in our hall. Eight ministers, representing the Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian, Unitarian, Universalist, and Jewish denominations participated in a printed order of service. A large overflow meeting of the World's Peace Congress in our hall was addressed by several foreign speakers and Revs. S. M. Crothers and C. W. Wendtè.

In May the Chorus Choir gave Gade's lovely anthem, "The Crusaders," aided by several soloists of local repute, the minister lecturing briefly on "The Crusades."

A cantata by Mr. F. W. Wodell on "God and Praise" occupied another Sunday evening.

Miss Caroline Huidobro also delivered her excellent illustrated lecture: "The Christ of the Andes."

Revs. Edward Cummings, Thos. Van Ness, J. R. Crooker, F. S. Wicks, J. H. Applebee, and Chas. E. St. John preached, and Messrs. James P. Munroe and Thos. Hawley favored us with their word at Sunday evening meetings. In December the minister addressed the Actor's Church Alliance on "The Genius and Mission of Art."

The After-meetings, usually held in the parlors at the conclusion of the Sunday service, have been well-attended and

helpful. Sometimes as many as 70-80 persons were present, listened to speakers, participated in the conversation, partook a cup of tea, and enjoyed the fellowship.

In July and August the service was transferred to Boston Common, the minister being in general charge of the Benevolent Fraternity's open-air Sunday services, and conducting even of them in person. Besides this he has preached and lectured over thirty times in city and suburban churches, coming out of the pulpit but two Sundays during the year.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Benevolent work of the Parker Memorial is one of its best and most thankful features. From its very nature, however, its character and extent cannot be set down in words or summed up in statistics. A goodly number of persons have been aided by personal sympathy and attention, gifts of money, employment, and kind offices. Our gratitude is due to the Tuckerman Circle and Benevolent Fund of the Fraternity for liberal grants for this purpose. No feature of my personal ministry has given me more satisfaction and happiness than this human helpfulness, for which each day brought abundant opportunity.

At Thanksgiving the usual appeal to our Country Churches was omitted, but quite a number sent in gifts of money and quantities of provisions, which, with other sums from our own fund, we bestowed upon some fifty families.

In summer the Mothers' Club enjoyed several outings, a number of women and children were sent to various vacation homes, especially that at Shirley, Mass., under Miss Elizabeth Ordner's devoted supervision.

Through the courtesy of the Elevated Railway several hundred car tickets were distributed among families of slender resources; others were given free carriage rides through the B. Y. M. Christian Union's Country Week Committee.

The Boston Flower and Fruit Mission held its usual distribution twice a week from the Parker. The free distribution of ice for the sick poor was carried on from our office.

Our Boys' Summer Camp at Bridgton, Maine, was fully reported in our last annual statement. It was an undertaking requiring much labor and some courage, and its success very gratifying.

At Christmas a new feature was a festival, with a large tree, electrically lighted, and loaded with gifts and goodies for young and old. It was attended by five hundred people, whose enjoyment fully repaid those who had prepared the entertainment, which concluded with stereopticon views and addresses by Mrs. E. M. Bangs, Mr. F. W. Birchall, and the pastor.

EDUCATION.

The Educational work of the past year has been the largest and most successful in the history of the Institution. Twelve classes in various useful and ornamental arts have been maintained, with as many teachers and helpers. The courses included Millinery, Dressmaking, Wood-carving, China-painting, Gymnastics, Dancing, Photography, Piano, and Elocution.

The enrolment for the first term of twelve lessons was 327; for the second term, 256. In all, about four hundred young persons, fifty-five of them children, have availed themselves of these facilities. This is an increase of about thirty per cent on last year's enrolment. The total income from class fees was \$817, as against \$539 last year, and \$348 the year previous to that. Our class work was thus self-sustaining.

At the annual exhibition of class work in April a most creditable showing was made, while the progress of the students of the saltatory art was displayed in the dancing sociable which followed. Our thanks are due to Miss Adelia A. Wiggin, Miss Caroline Rafferty, Miss F. E. Richberg,

Miss E. E. Milestone, Miss Elizabeth E. Tyler, Miss Louise A. Webster, Mr. F. W. Birchall, Miss Angie Loveland, Miss Catherine Reed, and others for their valued services as instructors.

Two lecture courses, of ten evenings each, have been given as follows:—

FIRST COURSE.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, FROM OCT. 12 TO DEC. 7, 1904.

Mrs. JESSIE ELDRIDGE SOUTHWICK. Readings: with Song Interludes by Mr. CLIFFORD SAVILLE. Accompanist, Miss ANGIE LOVELAND.

Hon. ARTHUR K. PECK. New Illustrated Lecture: "Our New England Alps," the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Rev. J. J. LEWIS. Illustrated Lecture: "The Oberammergau Passion Play of 1900."

FRANK W. BIRCHALL. Illustrated Lecture: "Camping by Mountain, Lake, and Stream."

Rev. CHARLES W. WENDTÉ. New Illustrated Lecture: "Aquidneck, the 'Isle of Peace.'" A study of Newport by the Sea.

J. R. AINSLEY. Illustrated Lecture: "Wanderings in Mexico."

WILFRED A. FRENCH. Illustrated Lecture: "Artistic Paris: Treasures of the Luxembourg Museum."

CLAY MACCAULEY. Illustrated Lecture: "Japan and the Japanese." School of Expression (S. S. CURRY, *President*). Dramatic and Literary Entertainment (in the lower or Fraternity Hall).

SECOND COURSE.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, FROM JAN. 11 TO MARCH 22, 1905.

Rev. Dr. SCOTT F. HERSHEY, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Boston. Lecture: "The Black Octopus of the North; or, the Advance of Russia."

Rev. A. T. KEMPTON. Illustrated Lecture: "Hiawatha," as performed by the Ojibway Indians.

Miss MINNA E. TENNEY. Illustrated Lecture: "A Summer in Norway."

Hon. A. D. PECK. Illustrated Lecture: "Life-saving Stations and Life-savers of the United States."

Mr. HOWARD C. BURLINGAME. Illustrated Readings: "An Evening with Charles Dickens." Many views.

Mr. EDWIN D. MEAD. Lecture: "George Washington and the Opening of the Great West."

Rev. THOMAS VAN NESS. Lecture: "My Visit to Tolstoi at his Summer Residence, Yasnai Polynai."

Miss CAROLINA HUIDOBRO. Illustrated Lecture: "Argentina and Patagonia."

Grand Concert under the direction of Mr. F. W. WODELL.

Capt. C. M. FULLER. Illustrated Lecture: "The Panama Canal."

In variety and interest, the ability of the speakers, and beauty of their illustration, these lectures were the best we have as yet presented. The exceedingly low price of admission (ten cents, or fifty cents for the course of ten entertainments) brought them within the reach of all. Yet the attendance was smaller than in previous years, and we fell \$66 short of paying our expenses. This we attribute mainly to the rival Free Public School Lectures at the South End. But, in truth, so many free entertainments are offered the community that they are unwilling to make any contribution themselves, and are surfeited with the attractions pressed upon their attention. A communicative and cheerful vagrant, whom the writer had known in California, recently made a friendly call on him. "Boston is a real paradise for a man of my tastes," he declared. "It's a poor day when I can't beg fifty cents or a dollar to pay my personal expenses, and every night there are so many free shows, — lectures, entertainments, conventions, church services, and socials and political meetings to choose from, that it's an embarrassment of riches!"

A number of other lectures have been given at the Parker, notably a course of five talks on Tolstoi by Mr. George Willis Cooke.

This year, as last, we united with the Boston Public Library Trustees in maintaining a free public reading-room and library station in the west store of our building. It was

finely patronized, but in early April the library authorities felt constrained to withdraw from this and other of their South End Stations, and concentrate about their new South End Branch Library in the Every Day Church on Shawmut Avenue. During April, May, and June, 1905, we maintained the reading-room at our own expense. The attendance for these three months was 3,110. We were compelled to close it in July, owing to our financial inability to meet the added expense.

CLUBS.

The Club-work of the Parker Memorial was carried on much as usual. The Mothers' Club of forty members, led by Mrs. E. M. Bangs and others, has had a very successful year, meeting weekly in the parlors for sociability, to listen to talks, and do little kindnesses.

The Society for Health Education and the Association for the Eradication of Tuberculosis have each sent several speakers, whose helpful counsel has been most welcome. Other friends have furnished musical entertainments, readings, etc.

The Young People's Club has been rather dormant this winter, partly from lack of efficient leadership, in part because the Parker Memorial itself is a young people's club. Yet several pleasant meetings have been held, and some social service done.

The Boys' Club has undergone many vicissitudes. A great deal of hard and devoted work has been done in its behalf by Mr. F. W. Birchall and others. It has had periods of great activity and others of "innocuous desuetude." The opening of the splendidly equipped Boys' Club, Lincoln House, in our neighborhood, has drawn many away from our meagre facilities.

The Martha and Mary Club, so long connected with our edifice, has continued its work of beneficence, and displayed anew the unselfishness of its members.

The Parker Memorial Woman's Alliance was unfortunate in the absence of its president in California during several months in the winter, thus depriving it of its leader. No enterprise for the financial benefit of the Church was this year undertaken, but the society met regularly and has rendered much useful service in dispensing the hospitalities and aiding in the benevolences of the Church.

As heretofore the free use of our halls has been granted to some sixteen of our sister charities, to some of them several times during the year. Among these were South End House, Hale House, the Historical and Literary Society (colored), Mass. Women Workers' Association, Arlington Street Girls' Club, First Church Girls' Club, Hecht Club, and Free Religious Association.

IN MEMORIAM.

We have to deplore the loss of two noble women and veteran workers in the cause for which our Parker Memorial stands, Mrs. E. D. Cheney and Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, both of whom honored us by serving as vice-presidents of our Theodore Parker Fraternity, and on occasions gave us the privilege of their presence and word at our meetings. We add this tribute of grateful acknowledgment and in memoriam to the outpouring of love and praise which their departure from the community has elicited.

SOCIABILITY.

Socially we have had many good times during the year. Four evening receptions were given: to the Minister and his wife, to the corps of Teachers, to Mr. and Mrs. Wodell and the Chorus Choir, and to the members of the classes. Social gatherings and picnics were also held by the various clubs.

Our acknowledgments are due to Messrs. J. B. Kempton, A. H. Wood, and A. L. Grosvenor for ushering at our Sun-

day meetings, and to other kind friends who gave us their services, in especial to the Social Service Club of Harvard University for a delightful evening of music and humor.

ADMINISTRATION.

The total home income of the Parker Memorial during the past year was \$2,595.74, as against \$2,043.09 last year, and \$586 in 1901-2, the first year of the new administration. This, however, includes the Boys' Camp receipts.

The great changes now taking place at the South End, transforming it from an American to a foreign residential district, are a serious menace to the future of this Church. An indication of this change may be found in our Boys' Club, which, four years ago, numbered 56, all but three of them native Americans, but which to-day numbers 43, all Irish, Italian, and Hebrew, except three. Our Mothers' Club is made up of seven nationalities, nearly all Roman Catholic or Jewish in faith.

We have to report with regret a number of changes in our working force. Miss Anne Jenison, who for three years past has given us such able and devoted service, withdrew from the work in September, for reasons which we respected, while deploring her loss to us. Miss Jenison had made herself greatly beloved, and was so identified with the Parker activities that we shall find it difficult to replace her. Mrs. E. M. Bangs, after seven months of faithful service, left for her new home in New York State. Mr. F. W. Birchall also left us in April, while Mr. R. D. Forbes, our excellent janitor, was tempted away by a larger salary and easier hours of labor.

Ours is a soldier service, the long hours, and large amount of evening work especially, telling on one's strength and spirits. The building is kept open from 9 A.M. till 10 P.M. every week day, except in mid-summer. The great variety of undertakings, educational, social, benevolent, and relig-

ious, conducted by this branch ; the heterogeneous, unstable character of our constituency, made up, as it is, of persons of many different ages, nationalities, races, religions, and grades of social culture ; the constant dealing with the destitute and depressed, the sad and the simple, the cranky and the rude-mannered, — all this is wearing and exhausting to both mind and heart.

Only by one's love of humanity and desire to be about the Father's business ; only as one enjoys the confidence, and is sustained by the generous coöperation of this Fraternity of Churches, is it possible for such a work to be continued year after year with cheerfulness, courage, and faith.

CHARLES W. WENDTÈ,

Minister.



CHANNING CHURCH,

EAST COTTAGE STREET, DORCHESTER.

REV. JOHN DAY, *Pastor.*

I HAVE the honor to submit the following report of the work done at Channing Church for the year May 1904 — May 1905.

Little change has been made in the character of the work done here. Channing Church is distinctly a parish church, and the ordinary activities of a parish have been pursued. Especial attention has been given to the cultivation of the religious life. With that end in view the Sunday services have been the point about which our work has centered. The church has been open for worship during the months of May and June, 1904, and from September, 1904, to May 1905. In the month of October, an *evening* service was instituted, in addition to the regular morning service. For ten

consecutive Sunday evenings the minister delivered a series of short addresses upon the "Ten Commandments."

In December a new plan was tried, the evening service being conducted by visiting clergymen. In behalf of the parish I wish to thank the Rev. Messrs. James DeNormandie, Eugene R. Shippen, Edward Cummings, Louis C. Cornish, Henry T. Secrist, and Mr. Lee M. Friedman for their kindly services. As originally planned, the music at the second service was entirely congregational; but this proving unsatisfactory, the services of an instrumental quartet were secured. The results, as far as increasing the attendance, warranted the change. In this connection I wish to extend the thanks of the parish to Mr. William Keim, musician, who kindly gave his services for one month.

The success of the evening service however was offset by a constantly diminishing attendance in the morning. And after a thorough canvass of the parish it was decided to hold but one service, that to be held in the evening. This change seems to be entirely warranted by the situation; for the domestic arrangements of nearly all the families in the parish practically forbid regular attendance in the morning. By holding our service in the evening, I believe we are meeting the convenience of the greater part of our number. At a second canvass of the parish made about the first of April, all but ten of our eighty-one families said they preferred an evening to a morning service.

In October the annual Harvest Supper was held. Monthly social gatherings of the parish have been held during the winter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The work of the Sunday School has gone steadily on. The school has been studying the Life of Jesus. During the fall and early winter weekly teachers' meetings, for the study of the lesson, were held under the leadership of the minister. The school now numbers seventy-five scholars. The school

is seriously handicapped by lack of workers. We have exhausted our own supply of available teaching material. We need several new teachers. Our school is the most promising feature of the work here. In this connection I wish to return thanks for the services given and offered by Miss Bedelia Valentine, Dr. Fred Stetson, and Mr. E. L. Cutter, of the First Parish.

The Woman's Alliance, numbering nineteen members, has held regular meetings on alternate Wednesdays during the church year. During the fall and winter a study class has been held after each meeting. Under the leadership of the minister the history of Unitarianism has been studied.

A new departure in the shape of a week-day lecture course was started last winter. The following lectures were given during December and January. "A Flying Trip through Europe," by Mrs. Mae D. Frazar; "Robert Burns," Rev. William Pierson; "The Parsifal Play," Rev. Thomas Van Ness; "Eugene Field," Rev. F. S. C. Wicks; and "The Rhine Tour," Rev. C. W. Wendtè. To these friends who kindly offered their services I wish to extend the thanks of the parish. The course was financially successful. In April, a lecture on "Street Railroading" was given by Mr. Robert Derrah.

It is my pleasure to call attention to two gifts made to the parish during the last year. The first is a silver baptismal basin, given by the Misses Jeffers in memory of their mother, Mrs. Caroline G. Jeffers. The second is the gift of new hymn books from the Harvard Church, Charlestown.

There are eighty-one families connected with the parish, making a total of about two hundred and fifty individuals. Of these, sixty are covenant signers and fifty-three weekly subscribers. It must be noted that these subscriptions represent families, rather than individuals. Five-eighths of the families have this year become financially interested in the parish, a proportion not reached in former years. During the year twenty-five people (adults) have joined the church by signing the covenant book.

As to our financial condition. Our estimated expenses for the coming year, exclusive of the minister's salary, will be about \$850. Of this amount we have raised, through weekly subscriptions, \$480. Fifty-three families have pledged themselves for this amount from April, 1905, to May, 1906. This leaves a shortage of some \$400, some of which can no doubt be raised by fairs and entertainments.

The conditions with which we are confronted make our work especially difficult. We have no permanent population upon which to draw. The greater part of our families, living as they do in apartment houses, is constantly shifting. The change from a Protestant to a Catholic community is rapid and inevitable. During my pastorate of a little more than two years I have witnessed an almost entire change in the personnel of my congregation.

To understand the situation aright, two other facts must be borne in mind. First: The slender income, together with the large expenses of many families, make it well nigh impossible for them to *give* much to the church. Twenty-five cents a week seems to them a large amount to pay for church privileges.

Second: These very families, because of their slender incomes, look upon the church and all religious work as a luxury. These things apparently fill no needed place in their lives. And the cost of connecting oneself with a church is too great for benefits received. The theatre, the whist club, the lodge, give more satisfying returns and really fill a want in their lives. Yet these people, I believe, need the offices of religion fully as much as *any* in our city, fully as much as the dwellers in the slums, or that homeless population crowding the lodging-house district. We are dealing with families and not individuals, and families whose spiritual and not material wants need attention. The problem which we have had to face, and which we ever shall have to face, is that of making these people want the things of the spirit.

JOHN DAY.

APPENDIX.

SUMMER WORK, 1905.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

OUR Summer work was very similar to that of previous years. The Church was open for public worship every Sunday, with the exception of July 30 and during August. The building was open every day from 9 to 1, the minister or one of his assistants being present. The ministry-at-large was maintained by visiting. The work of distributing flowers was carried on as usual. Numerous vacations or outings were provided, varying in length from a day to three weeks. The Play-room, or Play-school, for girls of the neighborhood, was carried on from July 5 to August 23, with three paid teachers and one volunteer.

In this department, the experiment was tried of introducing a certain amount of systematic instruction, instead of giving all the time to play. The older girls were taught housekeeping, nature studies, and light gymnastics; while the younger children were kept busy with paper-folding and pasting, clay-modelling, and other Kindergarten occupations. This was in addition to their songs and games.

The result was that we had a smaller number of children (from fifty to seventy-five) but the work was more satisfactory, and encourages us to believe that we can follow these lines more successfully another year.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

NORTH END UNION.

OUR summer work for 1905 was marked by larger efforts and a correspondingly greater degree of genuine service to the community.

During the past year we began the distribution of modified milk, prepared by the D. Whiting Sons. This milk is sold at the nominal price of two cents per bottle. That this service is appreciated can best be determined by the fact that 13,959 bottles were sold at the North End Union during July and August, and the demand is steadily increasing. It is in charge of the resident worker, who is constantly calling upon, advising, and instructing the mothers how and when to give the milk.

It is impossible to estimate how much sickness has been prevented, but we do know that many mothers have said, "The milk has saved my baby's life!" This beneficent agency serves a double purpose, as it is constantly bringing the resident worker into close personal touch with those for whom our earnest efforts are truly designed.

In addition to the above, flowers were sent out twice each week, excursions arranged to include those not otherwise provided for, and in fact every appeal for advice or assistance responded to in some way.

Our list of names for flowers is prepared gradually, and is ready before the season begins. To these friends were carefully distributed 1,649 bouquets. We need scarcely add that these sweet messages of remembrance would be greatly missed by those who truly appreciate and look forward to "Flower Day." Visitors from the various towns sending blossoms, helped in the beautiful ministry by their personal presence in the homes, gladdening many a sad heart and encouraging all. To these kind friends we add our own most grateful thanks.

Excursions were made: namely, to Norumbega Park, Blue Hill, Franklin Park, Beachmont, and Winchester. The last was an entertainment provided for one of our dressmaking classes by a few ladies of the Winchester Unitarian Church. We thank them most sincerely.

Our mothers, working girls, and small children, 137 in all, were given a day's outing, and great care was taken to include only those who would not otherwise enjoy such a privilege.

A number of our working girls and mothers were enabled to go into the country for two weeks through the kindness of the Lend-a-Hand Society, "Country Week," and several private agencies.

We again desire to acknowledge our obligations to the Elevated Railroad for free tickets, to the Newton St. Railway Co. for special cars and Norumbega Park privileges, and to the "Traveller Outing Fund" for tickets.

To these and all of the many kind friends who helped so materially to make our summer work a blessing we extend our heartiest thanks and appreciation.

NORTH END UNION CAMP.

OUR Camp on Moose Pond, Bridgton, Maine, opened July 2, and continued until September 2, under the direction of Mr. W. Hamilton Gibson, Jr., who gave it earnest, faithful service.

The price paid, which included transportation and two weeks' board in Camp, was \$12. This did not cover cost, nor was it expected to do so, as it seemed desirable to make the price low enough to come within the means of the working boy.

Seventy-three young men, divided into two small and three large groups, availed themselves of this opportunity. In addition to the usual routine of camp life, swimming, boating, athletics, etc., a three days' tramping trip to the summit of Mt. Washington and return was made by three different groups, and also shorter tramps. We desire to acknowledge with appreciative thanks the many courtesies received from Mr. Edward L. Lewis, Bridgton, Maine, and the favors granted by the Eastern Steamship Co., the Maine Central, and Bridgton & Saco Railroads for special rates of transportation.

A camp has problems peculiar to itself, but the summer's experience demonstrated that camp life has in it great possibilities for personal service, and may be made worth all its costs.

S. F. HUBBARD.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

IN our Fresh-Air work we kept our Day Nursery with forty children in Middleton, Mass., during July and August.

Through the N. E. Deaconess Fresh-Air Camp we were able to send upwards of forty more for two weeks at Hopkinton.

Through the kindness of other organizations and individuals several others, tired out with overwork or age, have been given from one week to one month in the country.

Every month we have had picnic parties for various classes and organizations.

A storm defeated us in the contemplated visit to Long Island on the Randidge Fund.

Several hundred in our neighborhood have reason to thank God for the fresh air they have received through the kind donations of organizations and friends to our Fresh-Air work.

During the summer our open-air Gospel and temperance meetings have been regularly maintained on a square near the chapel. The results of these open-air meetings are very satisfactory.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday we have regularly maintained religious and temperance meetings indoors.

The Children's Church has combined with the Adult Church during the summer, both Sunday morning and evening. The result has been to make our congregation large. At night the minister has given a course of lectures, illustrated by the stereopticon, on travels through the Holy Land. Every seat in the auditorium has usually been filled.

All our workers except the minister have had a week to one month of vacation, and we enter upon the winter campaign with courage.

E. J. HELMS.

THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

THE summer work of the Parker Memorial has been along the usual lines, except that the minister was away during July and August in Europe.

His place was, however, well filled by Rev. Wm. T. Brown of East Boston, who spent several hours each day at the building, answering calls for personal and pastoral service, and also took charge of the Boston Common Sunday afternoon services. Fourteen services were held at 5.30 P.M., at which 29 speakers addressed gatherings ranging from 100 to 300 persons.

Miss Kate B. Littlefield has been in general charge of the benevolent work of the summer months.

The Free Ice distribution to the sick poor has been a source of comfort to many during the heated term.

Sixteen women were sent to the vacation home maintained by Miss Caroline Cordner and her friends at Shirley, Mass. We take this occasion to say that this is one of the most admirably managed and helpful adjuncts to philanthropic work among the depressed classes of the city with which we are acquainted. The beauty of the neighborhood, the simple, warm-hearted hospitality, the wisdom, gained by experience, displayed in the arrangements for the comfort and care of their summer guests, entitle our fellow-workers at Shirley to our sincere acknowledgments.

Through the kindness of the Boston Elevated a goodly number of free rides on their cars were enjoyed by other of our Parker Memorial people, some 300 tickets being thus distributed. We know of one poor lady, a great sufferer from lung disease, who could hardly have gotten through the summer but for the daily ride this afforded her, away from her hot little chamber under the eaves to the cool breezes at City Point, South Boston.

A timely donation from an Arlington friend, Miss E. L. Wellington, enabled us to give vacation trips to still other deserving working-women; and the Mothers' Club enjoyed several outings at Waverley Oaks, Bass Point, Nahant, and Lexington.

Meanwhile the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission, the original society which established this beautiful work in the United States, met regularly, two days a week, in our lower or Fraternity Hall. A score of good women received the flowers sent in from neighboring towns, made them up into bouquets, and carried them to the homes of the needy, the neglected, and the shut-ins, as well as to the hospitals. In this way some 30,000 bouquets were distributed.

In such and other ways the Parker Memorial has sought to render service to the community during the summer.

CHAS. W. WENDT.

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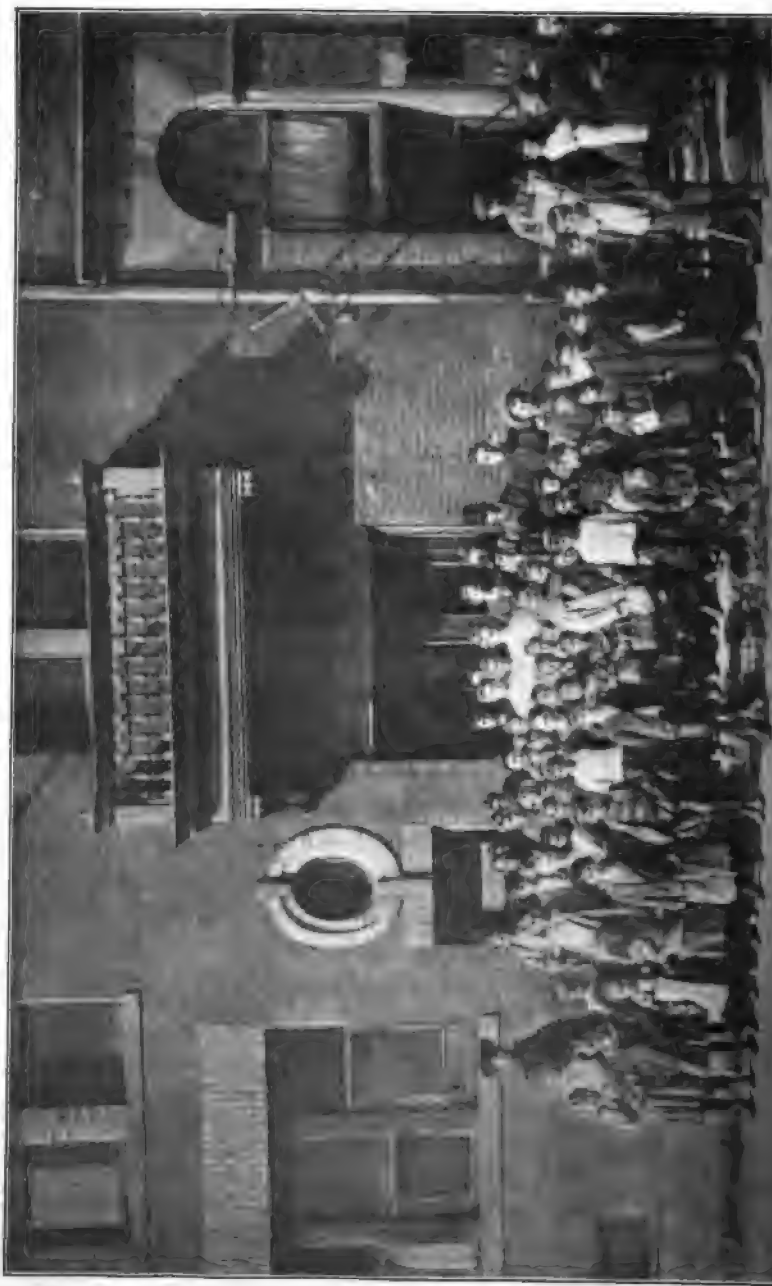
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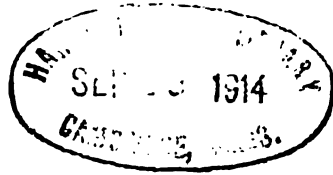
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The Annual Meeting of the delegates for the choice of officers is on the first Sunday in May. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

The contributions from the churches should be paid before the first day of May, and any church that fails, for two successive years, to contribute to the support of the Fraternity loses its membership in the corporation.

Report of the Executive Committee.

PRESENTED MAY 6, 1906.

THE work of the Fraternity this year shows a gratifying increase in quantity and quality. Its financial condition, though still not wholly satisfactory, has improved, the deficit of \$1,164.52 contrasting well with \$2,767.87 in 1905, and \$4,189.39 in 1904, and, if the churches continue their generous support, next year's showing will be still better.

On Oct. 1, 1905, after four years of manifold activity the Rev. Charles W. Wendt^é retired from the Corresponding Secretaryship, and the Executive Committee has lost by resignation two valuable members, the Rev. F. S. C. Wicks, for four years Recording Secretary, and the Rev. H. T. Secrist; it has added to its membership Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln.

The accompanying sketch of the origin of the Fraternity and its work will introduce the separate reports which will repay careful reading.

THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

IN 1823 some nine Unitarian laymen formed the "Association for Religious Improvement" for the strengthening of their religious life and for the elevation of the neglected portions of the community. After various other enterprises, they started in 1826 a set of evening services and a Sunday-school at the corner of Merrimac and Portland Streets. Thus began Dr. Tuckerman's work as minister-at-large, and these two institutions still survive. The work, having increased beyond the resources of its founders, was taken up at first by the Unitarian Association. In 1834, however, as the work was strictly local, and partly to avoid the appearance of being narrowly sectarian, a new body, the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, was formed to carry it on. Of the nine Unitarian churches which founded the Fraternity, three retain their membership, the Second Church,

Arlington Street (formerly Federal Street), and King's Chapel; the first two without a break in the connection. The Benevolent Fraternity was incorporated in 1839, to promote the moral and religious instruction of the poor of Boston. In 1894 its scope was extended to include "the moral and religious instruction and the improvement of the poor and persons who have no usual place of religious worship in the city of Boston and its vicinity." At the time the Fraternity took up the ministry-at-large it had three workers in the field whose combined salaries amounted to \$900. Omitting those activities which have fulfilled their mission and passed away, let us take up the six which are still maintained.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

IN 1827 Dr. Tuckerman's preaching and Sunday-school found more permanent quarters in Friend Street Chapel whence they moved in 1836 to Pitts Street. Under Mr. Winkley, one of Tuckerman's successors, whose inspiring ministry extended over fifty years, they moved for the last time in 1870 to the building specially built for them in Bulfinch Place. Rev. Christopher R. Eliot came, in 1894, to assist Mr. Winkley, and since 1896 has had sole charge. To meet changing requirements, the building was remodelled by private subscription in 1904 on the promise of a slight increase in the appropriation. The distinctive characteristic of this mission is the hold it keeps on those who have once been connected with it, for about half its present constituency are persons who, once living near it have since moved to adjoining towns.

NORTH END UNION.

IN 1854 the Benevolent Fraternity started a mission in the North End, which in 1856 was established in Hanover Street where it remained with one change of quarters till 1884. Then it moved to a remodelled Episcopal Chapel on Parmenter Street where it still is. Its work, so far, had been largely religious, but by 1892 the change of population left no room for a Protestant Church, and at the instance of the First Church all religious work was given up except a Sunday-school, confined to the moral instruction common to Christian and Jew, and the building, renamed the North End Union, was put under a board of managers of its own as a social centre for the

neighborhood with Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard as Superintendent. At this same time the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association presented to the Fraternity the Children's House, which they owned nearby, and its directors were added to the management of the North End Union. In 1894 the building was remodelled to suit the new work.

CHANNING CHURCH.

In April 1857 the Benevolent Fraternity voted to employ the minister of a non-sectarian Union Chapel, which had been founded in 1855 at Washington Village, South Boston, as a minister-at-large, and in 1859 this property was wholly transferred to the Fraternity. As the neighborhood became more populous and other churches were started, this church, becoming more strictly Unitarian, changed its name to Unity Chapel. Finally, as Catholics had succeeded to the former Protestant population, the church was sold in 1899 and the present Channing Church in Dorchester built instead. Here under Mr. Saunderson the Chapel reverted somewhat to its original character, as about half its members had never belonged to a Unitarian church before, the other half coming from the old congregation. In 1903 Mr. Day succeeded Mr. Saunderson but left at the end of February this year to accept a call to Fall River.

The rest of the Fraternity's work, though undertaken much later, presents some interesting features.

MORGAN MEMORIAL.

In 1868 the Rev. Henry Morgan, a Methodist preacher, bought the chapel on Indiana Place (now Corning Street) from the Church of the Disciples and carried on services there till the last few years of his life when his congregation merged with an Adventist society that hired the chapel. At his death in 1884 he left this chapel to the Benevolent Fraternity on condition that the minister should be supplied from the New England Conference of the Methodist Church. That the Fraternity accepted the condition marked no new departure, for it had, much earlier, carried on a German Lutheran chapel. The Rev. Edgar J. Helms, the present minister, came to the chapel in 1895 and immediately began to develop the philanthropic and

industrial side of the work. In 1901 the old building had reached such a state of dilapidation that repairs were impracticable, so it was torn down and the present building, more suited to the needs of the increasing work, built in its place. As its other expenses prevented the Fraternity from supplying all the funds which Morgan Memorial needed, in 1904 an arrangement was formed with the Methodist Church Extension and Home Missionary Society, by which each body contributes the same stated sum and turns the control over to a committee of ten, equally divided between the two denominations. This committee supervises the work and raises whatever extra money is needed.

PARKER MEMORIAL.

IN 1871 the Twenty-eighth Congregational Society of Boston, founded by Theodore Parker and his followers, desiring a home of their own, built the present Parker Memorial which was dedicated in 1873. In 1888, their ranks having diminished and old feelings having died out, they gave the building to the Fraternity on condition that a Parker Memorial should always be maintained for religious and philanthropic work. After varying success under different superintendents, both lay and clerical, it was decided in 1901 to devote a large part of the resources of the Fraternity for a term of years to putting Parker Memorial on a permanent foundation. The work which was to be social, educational, and religious, was entrusted to the Rev. Mr. Wendt , who staid with the Fraternity, as minister of Parker Memorial and Corresponding Secretary, for four years, resigning last autumn. The permanent results of this experiment will be seen in the report from this chapel.

THE PREACHING ON THE COMMON.

IN 1895 the Benevolent Fraternity, acting as the "Executive Arm" of the Suffolk Conference, undertook during the summer a series of outdoor services on Sunday afternoons. When the arrangement with the Suffolk Conference was terminated the next year, the Fraternity continued these services on its own behalf and has maintained them until this year. They have been conducted by the ministers in charge of our chapels, including Mr. Helms, or such others as have been willing to serve. The expense has been small and the attendance good.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

BESIDES maintaining these missions the Fraternity has lent money for building purposes on easy terms to two Unitarian churches in the outskirts of Boston and given them other help when needed. In strictly charitable work the Fraternity dispenses annually, through a special committee, about \$1,000 from a special fund belonging to the Fraternity, called the Poors' Purse, and, through the heads of its missions, nearly \$2,500 generously furnished by the Tuckerman Circle, a society of ladies formed years ago.

For the Executive Committee.

ERNEST JACKSON,
Recording Secretary.

Statement of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches
in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1, 1906:

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,778.00
Income from investments.....	9,904.94
Contributions from friends	265.00
Contributions from churches.....	5,326.31
Contributions for Parker Memorial	1,436.39
Contributions for Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00
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	\$21,010.64

We have also received from the funds of the Brattle Square Church under
a decree of the Supreme Judicial Court the following amounts:

Mary Russell Dexter Fund	\$5,000.00
Charity Fund	8,410.02
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	\$13,410.02

Special contributions, rebates, etc., for repairs and alterations at Bulfinch
Place Church received, \$833.05.

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses.....	\$6,824.36	
City of Boston, 1905 taxes.....	243.20	
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	\$7,067.56	\$7,067.56
Rents received	\$1,515.00	
Home income	1,336.39	
John C. Haynes	100.00	2,951.39
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Net expense.....	\$4,116.17	
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Amount carried forward.....		\$7,067.56

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$7,067.56
<i>North End Union.</i>		
Expenses.....	\$3,948.06	3,948.06
Rents received	1,000.00	
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Net expense.....	\$2,948.06	
<i>Channing Church.</i>		
Expenses.....		1,987.61
<i>Morgan Memorial.</i>		
Expenses (including rentals turned over).....	\$3,513.00	3,513.00
Rents received	1,263.00	
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Net expense.....	\$2,250.00	
<i>Bulfinch Place Church.</i>		
Expenses.....	\$5,220.04	5,220.04
Home Contribution.....	300.00	
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Net expense.....	\$4,920.04	
Home contributions for alterations, repairs, and new organ, also rebates and interest on deposits.....	\$833.05	
Expenses on above account.....	819.94	
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Balance on hand.....	\$13.11	
Services on Common.....		60.22
Administrative expenses.....		840.12
Care and Repairs Committee.....		549.75
<i>Sundries.</i>		
Printing, postage and express charges.....	\$148.50	
Examination of Treasurer's books.....	25.00	
Expenses of committee sent to Worcester to hear min- ister.....	7.80	
Storage of Brattle Square Church silver.....	5.00	
Estate Thomas Gaffield, $\frac{1}{2}$ amount contributed by re- siduary legatees to close estate.....	300.00	486.30
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Expenditures.....	\$23,672.66	
Income.....	21,010.64	
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Deficit.....	\$2,662.02	
Net gain on securities sold.....	1,497.50	
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Actual deficit.....	\$1,164.52	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions and Donations.

Arlington Street Church.....	\$2,269.91	
Kings Chapel.....	1,201.00	
South Congregational Church.....	1,100.00	
Second Church in Boston.....	300.00	
First Church in Boston.....	210.00	
First Parish, Dorchester.....	125.00	
Church of the Disciples.....	50.00	
Hawes Unitarian Church.....	25.40	
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury.....	20.00	
First Parish, West Roxbury.....	15.00	
First Parish, Brighton.....	10.00	
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	\$5,326.31	\$5,326.31

For Parker Memorial.

John C. Haynes.....	\$ 100.00	
Home Income.....	1,336.39	
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	\$1,436.39	\$1,436.39

Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution for general expenses.....	\$300.00	
Home contribution for alterations and new organ (includes interest on deposits and rebates).....	833.05	
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	\$1,133.05	\$1,133.05

Friends.

Grenville H. Norcross.....	\$100.00	
Mrs. Otis Norcross.....	100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge.....	25.00	
W. H. P. Robbins.....	20.00	
Benjamin W. Nichols.....	20.00	
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	\$265.00	\$265.00

Brattle Square Church Funds as follows:

Charity Fund.....	\$8,410.02	
Mary Russell Dexter Fund.....	5,000.00	
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	\$13,410.02	\$13,410.02

I have examined the accounts of Mr. William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1, 1906, verifying the investments and the amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments, and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached.

GEORGE S. CHASE, *Auditor*.

BOSTON, May 1, 1906.

Special Funds, bearing the following names, have from time to time been presented by individuals or corporations to the Fraternity and have been separately invested and their income used in strict accord with any conditions attached by the donors:

The Cyrus A. Bartol Fund.	The Jeannie Winkley Fund.
The Harriet Louisa Brown Fund.	The Permanent Fund Subscription.
The Martha Clapp Fund.	From Brattle Square Church:—
The John H. Eastburn Fund.	The Charity Fund.
The Helen L. Edmands Fund.	The Mary Russell Dexter Fund.
The Charles Faulkner Fund.	The Parsonage Fund.
The Henry P. Kidder Fund.	The Church of the Unity Fund.
The Samuel E. Sawyer Fund.	The New South Church Fund.
The Benjamin Sweetser Fund.	From the West Boston Society:—
The Quincy Tufts Fund.	The Aged Poor Fund.
The Ann White Vose Fund.	The Derby Fund.
The Robert C. Waterston Fund.	
The Catherine H. Wild Fund.	The Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, *Minister*.

MISS E. L. JONES AND MISS K. R. STOKES, *Assistants*.

THE work of the past year may be classified as follows: — *Sunday Services*: Public Worship, at 3.15 P. M. and 7.45 P. M., Sunday-school, at 1.45 P. M., the Winkley Guild, at 7 P. M. *Week day Meetings*: Teachers' Meetings every Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon, the Women's Alliance, Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, President, second and fourth Wednesday afternoons each month, Church Meetings once a month, Higher Life Class Thursday evenings during Lent. *Boys' and Girls' Clubs*: Red, White, and Blue, Comfort Carriers', Round Table, Mildred Ellis, Red Shield, Little Helpers', Abraham Lincoln, Sunshine, Little People's. *Women's Clubs*: The Eliot Circle, the John Howard Lend a Hand Club, the Elizabeth Emmons Club. *Sphinx Club Classes* in plain sewing, shirtwaist making, embroidery, elocution, drawing, cooking, and music on Saturday mornings, Miss Alice Foster and eleven volunteer assistants. *Gymnasium*: Men's classes, Tuesday and Saturday evenings, Women's classes, Monday and Thursday evenings, Boy's classes, Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. *Stereopticon Lectures*: First course November and December, "Marvels and Wonders of Peru," Senorita Carolina Huidobro; "A Visit to Viking Land," Rev. Charles W. Wendt; "Robert Burns: His Country, Life, and Poems," Rev. William H. Pierson; "Hawaii: Its Scenery and Peoples," Prof. George H. Barton; "An Evening in Birdland," Edward Avis; "Storm Heroes of Our Coast," Arthur K. Peck. Second Course January and February, "Over the Chilean Andes to Patagonia," Senorita Carolina Huidobro; "The Cora and Huichol Indians of Mexico," Rev. Peter H. Goldsmith; "The Land of the Shamrock," Miss Minna Eliot Tenney; "O'er Canyon and Crag in Search of Gold," Cyrus Weekes; "A Recent Visit to Switzerland," Wilfred

A. French; "The Fair Island of the Philippines," Rev. Peter MacQueen. *Socials and Entertainments* some fifteen in number. *Other Events and Activities*: Anniversary Luncheons, in May, cooperating with the National Women's Alliance; Picnic for Sphinx Club Classes; Old Ladies Party in June for one hundred guests; Summer Play School five days each week July and August; Shakespeare Reading Class; Children's Clothing Class; Mid-Winter Conference of the Lend-a-Hand Society; "Home Coming Sunday," an event of unusual interest, calling together many old friends; Distribution of Thanksgiving "baskets," Christmas "remembrances," Valentines, and Easter plants; Summer Outings for individuals and groups.

THE MEANING OF IT ALL.

SUCH being a list of our activities, what does it all signify in the struggle for a nobler type of manhood and womanhood, a higher kind of citizenship, a social order controlled by loftier ideals of righteousness, love, and peace? Much or little, all or nothing, we must answer, according to the quantity and quality of the work which each particular heading represents. A few facts, therefore, in regard to our activities may be enlightening.

The Sunday-school numbers one hundred and eighty, the largest attendance for any Sunday being one hundred and forty-four. The teachers are faithful and the scholars, on the whole, regular. The afternoon congregation has varied from about one hundred to one hundred and seventy-five; the Guild and Evening Service together averaging about forty. This number would be larger were it not for two facts, first that so many of our people live at a distance; and, second, that the evening service follows that of the afternoon so closely. We have absolutely nothing sensational to offer, nothing but a simple congregational service.

The Women's Alliance has fifty-one members, loyal Unitarians, among our best workers. The Fair in November netted \$409, of which \$100 was appropriated for the church, \$100 set apart to be given next year for the same purpose, and other amounts expended for alliance work.

The two Teachers' Meetings, the Church Meetings, the Higher Life Meetings, each small, represent nevertheless vital influences from which our best work flows. To these the minister must give much thought and strength.

The Clubs, thirteen in number, vary from a membership of four to

one of one hundred and thirty-nine, the latter being the "Eliot Circle." The "Red, White and Blue Club" has never had a more profitable year. Numbering twenty-five young men, meeting every week, it has a strong hold upon its individual members and represents a high standard of "good citizenship." Invited speakers have addressed the Club once a month. It will soon celebrate its tenth anniversary. Each club has its own individuality but all are alive to some good "Lend-a-Hand" work. They are the "channels for the streams of love" which the church and Sunday-school seek to fill. They represent applied, or practical, Christianity. A very considerable sum of money is raised and expended by them every year. The story of each club's "little deeds of kindness" would be interesting, and the blessing is "for him who gives" as well as "for him who takes." The total membership of the clubs is over two hundred and fifty.

Industrial Classes have not been made an important feature in our work. Nevertheless, under the auspices of the Sphinx Club, an organization of young ladies from the Second Church, a good deal has been accomplished. Twelve volunteer teachers and a paid one in cooking have given lessons in sewing, cooking, music, etc., to sixty-three pupils for a nominal admission fee, the total membership by classes being ninety-seven. All the expenses are met by the Sphinx Club, which deserves great credit for its generous and persevering interest.

The Gymnasium in several respects presents a problem yet to be solved. A young, enthusiastic director, who could give his time to building up the classes, is greatly needed. Good work has been done, though the numbers have been few.

The two courses of Stereopticon Lectures were remarkably successful. The audiences were most appreciative and many expressions of interest and thanks were received. About two hundred season tickets at twenty-five cents a course were sold and many single admissions at ten cents taken, so that a regular attendance of nearly two hundred was secured and all expenses were met. This gratifying result would not have been possible except for the generosity of the lecturers, some of whom gave their services without charge, and others at reduced rates.

An important place in our work is filled by "Socials and Entertainments," for these bring brightness and good cheer into many lives and interest our young people and attract many new friends.

The church paper *Our Work* has been continued and serves an excellent purpose as an advertisement in the neighborhood and to keep us in touch with our scattered parish.

THE MINISTRY-AT-LARGE.

THE work of visiting is kept up steadily throughout the year by the minister and his assistants, and while it consumes much time and strength it is the secret of a successful ministry-at-large. Upon the personal friendships thus formed, the strength of the Sunday-school and church largely depend, and without this personal acquaintance a wise philanthropy would be impossible. Another means of keeping in touch with our people is the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter remembrance. Sometimes this is a well-filled "basket," sometimes a few flowers, sometimes a letter, and often only a "card," but the connection between the church and many families is thus renewed again and again. Of course, many services are rendered to people outside of our congregation or denomination. When it comes to "service" we know no dividing lines. In one way or another, the influence of our broad ministry reaches hundreds of lives in no definite way belonging to us. That is an expected result of our ministry-at-large.

COOPERATION.

DURING the year we have met with the most cordial response from the ministers and laymen of our churches whenever we have asked their cooperation, and this has happened very often. The list of such helpers would be a long one, and we shall not attempt to give it, but we would thank each and all most heartily. The church, for its evening services, the Guild, the Alliance, the Eliot Circle, and the Clubs, for occasional speakers, owe much to the generous interest of these friends.

We have, in our turn, endeavored to cooperate in every possible way with others in their work. We have done something for the Young People's Religious Union, helping at its Fair, sending our young people to its meetings and lending Miss Jones as one of its Directors. We have sent away barrels of literature through the Alliance, and helped several distant churches by small gifts of money or articles for fairs, and contributed our share to the general work of the National Alliance and Cheerful Letter Exchange. Our Sunday-

school gave \$50 in penny collections to the Children's Mission. Our Hand-a-Hand Clubs have given, for various good purposes, as much or more. When the appeal for San Francisco came, our people gave generously, the collection, on April 22, amounting to over \$100.

In the West End, generally, a very friendly spirit of cooperation prevails. Several boys from other churches have recently joined our clubs. Most of the members of our Men's Gymnasium Class were, as it happened, from two Episcopal Churches. A debate between one of our clubs and a class in the Methodist Church was successfully carried through — the Methodists winning. More important, a social union of North and West End Workers has been formed recently, and of this two churches are members — St. Andrews and our own. Mr. Hubbard, of the North End Union, is the president. Meetings are held once a month, and lead to a helpful interchange of views and cooperation in social service. We believe that our church is recognized throughout the West End, not only as an exponent of liberal religion, but as a centre of practical Christianity.

Before closing this report, we wish to acknowledge most gratefully the kindness of Miss Cordner in inviting twenty of our children for a week's outing at "Shirley House," a courtesy which has been enjoyed for several years. We also would thank our friends in Belmont and Wellesley Hills for similar invitations at Christmas. And we would add our profound and grateful appreciation of the never-failing bounty of the "Tuckerman Sewing Circle," without which a large part of our benevolent and philanthropic service for needy individuals and families would be impossible. There are other sources upon which we draw for special assistance, and we value each and all, but the "Tuckerman" is like Tennyson's Brook, it flows on forever.

Looking to the future, we feel the need of another paid worker, a young man, if possible, to develop the class work and the gymnasium. We also have in mind a "Neighborhood House," as near the church as possible, to be used as a residence for volunteer workers, a homelike lodging house for working boys and young men. There is nothing of the kind in the West End, and we feel the need of it. Will not some one buy the house and let us try the experiment?

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

MAY, 1906.

The North End Union

20 Parmenter Street

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street.

Local Board of Directors.

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IN giving consideration to the report of the North End Union herewith presented, it should be remembered that the nature and amount of work done is, in no small measure, determined by the facilities of the building itself, and that certain forms of valuable work are prohibited owing to lack of proper room.

The work in detail is as follows:—*Gymnasium*: Senior Class, two evenings a week; Junior Class, one evening; Young Women's Class, one evening a week; Children's Class, one afternoon. *Dressmaking*: two classes for School Girls, each two afternoons; two separate groups for Working Girls, one evening each; class for Mothers, one evening. These classes have all been full to the limit of sixteen. *Plain Sewing*: "Mother's Helpers," one afternoon; Mending Class, one afternoon. *Saturday Morning Class*: for one hundred and sixty girls

under the direction of Miss Mary P. Barnes, Miss M. S. Blake, Miss Elizabeth F. Tower, and Miss M. L. Bibbey, Mrs. M. G. Everett, Instructor, and twenty-five teachers. *Millinery*: one evening. *Illustrated Lectures*: December to March, "Maine Woods," Rosewell B. Lawrence; "Storm Heroes of the Coast," Arthur K. Peck; "The Land of the Shamrock," Miss Minna Eliot Tenney; "A Summer Trip to Greenland," Prof. George H. Barton; "Coaching and Camping in the Yellowstone and the Yosemite," John Wilder Fairbank; "A Trip Around the World," E. Bentley Young; "Franklin," George G. Wolkins; "Russia and its People," Miss Elizabeth F. Fisher; "Seventeen Years in California," Rev. Charles W. Wendt ; "Italy in Art and Story," James Frederick Hopkins. *Boy's Clubs*: Edwin D. Mead Club, Max M. Fritz, President; Mayflower Club, Nathan I. White, President; Cosmopolitan Club, Jacob Braff, President; Samuel F. Hubbard Club, John E. Daniels, President; John Ware Club, Charles Cushner, President; Webster Literary Club, Benjamin H. Smith, President; Good Will Club, Albert A. Borofsky, President, Allie Silverstein, Chairman of Executive Committee; John Hancock Club, Philip Davis, President; North End Union Athletic Club, Harry Small President. *Girls' Clubs*: Progress Club, Miss Julia W. Frothingham, Supervisor; Jerusalem Stars, Rose Weiner, President. *Trade Classes*: Plumbing School, two evenings a week, limited to young men in the trade, supervised by employing plumbers, lectures on plumbing one evening a week to pupils of the Plumbing School; School of Printing, twelve months' course, daily, from 7.40 A. M. to 5.45 P. M. (fifty-four hours a week); pupils apprenticed to employers. The school made a part of the apprenticeship agreement. *Miscellaneous*: Play Room for Little Ones every afternoon, except Saturday and Sunday; Public Baths, weekdays, 8.00 A. M. to 8.00 P. M., Sunday, 7.00 to 10.30 A. M.; men, 10 cents, women and children, 5 cents; Mrs. Gustafsen in charge; Modified Milk for Babies daily 8.00 to 9.00 A. M.; Stamp Saving twice a week; Call Station Boston Dispensary and District Nurse every morning except Sunday; Sunday-school from 3.15 to 4.15 P. M., under the direction of Miss Julia W. Frothingham; Window Gardening, flower seeds, loam, and flower pots sold at nominal price; Dancing Socials monthly during season for members and lady friends; Game Room every evening, except Sunday; Reading Room and Library every evening; North End Union Camp, Bridgton, Me., open during July and August, \$12 for two weeks, including transportation.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

MISS FLORENCE N. BARKER, in residence at the Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street, reports as follows:

The Children's House of the North End Union has few changes or new lines to report this year. The various classes have all maintained a high degree of excellence with the usual full attendance and ever-increasing appreciation by those privileged to enjoy the opportunities offered.

The afternoon and evening dressmaking classes for school girls, working women, and mothers, number eighty members, each having completed two or more garments during the course of careful practical instruction. These garments are made from materials selected by the resident worker in charge, designed for school and working wear, and are paid for in full by the members.

Two additional groups of young girls, calling themselves "Mother's Helpers," have accomplished not a little in the way of odds and ends of sewing for "mama," besides learning the lesson of real helpfulness.

A weekly mending class of fifteen is not the least of these groups. Many of the girls have been with us several years, and it is gratifying to note the development of a real desire for neatness and order.

To encourage interest in this perhaps less attractive use of the needle, it was decided to devote one afternoon each month to free play, games, and a general good time. Needless to say, the plan met with an eager response.

While the above outline follows in general that of previous seasons, at least two new features were introduced with satisfactory results, namely, millinery (in response to persistent demand), and, for a like reason, Friday as a recreation evening, when attractive, wholesome, entertainments in the form of music (made possible by the loan of a piano) and simple games with occasional light refreshments were provided for the grown-up class members, to the great delight and pleasure of all. A few outside friends helped on these occasions, but, for the most part, the girls had the responsibility, each contributing in some way to the enjoyment, simply guided by the resident worker and her associate Miss Sanford.

Interwoven, as usual, in all these activities has been an ever-increasing sympathetic relationship between the resident worker and those

of the neighborhood who make up the classes. It is indeed the golden key to all hearts and open sesame to every household.

FLORENCE N. BARKER.

NOTE.—After six years of faithful and efficient service in the Children's House, Miss Florence N. Barker has felt compelled to resign in July for much-needed rest and change. The value of her work among the families of the children who frequented the House, especially among the Italians who found in her a pleasant friend and wise counsellor, cannot be too highly commended, and the Fraternity greatly regrets her resignation. The Children's House is fortunate in having as her successor Miss Harriet L. Johnson.

MODIFIED MILK.

THE Union provides for the distribution of modified milk for babies, prepared by D. Whiting & Sons. Three grades, suited to the requirements of different ages, are sold at the nominal price of two cents per bottle. The demand has steadily increased, until the sales are now between four and five hundred bottles daily, serving about one hundred and fifty families.

CALL STATION — BOSTON DISPENSARY.

THE Boston Dispensary was given permission last September to have its North End Call Station at the Union. The calls are registered and the doctor comes every morning. The District Nurse makes her headquarters here.

STAMP SAVING.

THE largest number of depositors at any one time was seven hundred and eighteen. From October to May \$1,200 was deposited and a little over \$1,000 drawn out.

WINDOW GARDENING.

IN these days of school gardens, when an effort is being made to interest children in nature study through the growth of plants, we recall that the Union began in 1894 to work in this direction and has

continued every year since by providing the opportunity to get loam at the nominal price of three cents per peck, and flower seeds at two cents per paper. We have just published a booklet, "Summer Window Plants from Seeds" by David F. Lincoln, M. D., giving simple and explicit directions how to plant seeds and care for flowers, also a descriptive list of twenty or more hardy annuals.

CLUBS.

THERE is no form of work that we have undertaken thus far which yields larger returns than our club work. It is elastic and lends itself to many varied forms of action. Each club is a little community by itself. It selects its own members, elects its own officers, makes its own activities. A month or so ago I happened to be present in one of these clubs just as the Editor of the *Club Journal* began to read his editorial, and I am tempted to give an extract from it to show the boy's own estimate of the value of club work.

"I have been living right here in the North End for ten years (he is now seventeen), and since then a great many changes have taken place. Parmenter Street is not Parmenter Street of olden times. About six or seven years ago, if you should happen along that street during any part of the day, you would see both sidewalks lined up with boys of all ages from six to eighteen, either shooting craps, pitching pennies, or gambling in other ways. This state of affairs lasted till about five years ago, when Mr. — and some of the older boys, who are men now, started to put a stop to it. They did not preach to them, for that would have made it all the worse, they started to form clubs, and since then the gambling on Parmenter Street faded like the sun does at twilight.

"Fighting, swearing, and bullying used to be an everyday occurrence. If you should pass Parmenter Street to-day you would see no gambling in any way, but groups of boys talking in a gentlemanly way, and were you close enough to hear them, you would hear subjects on the topics of the day, a discussion on athletic sports or the good doing of the club."

The success attendant upon the admission of ladies to membership in the John Ware Club shows the wisdom of associating both together when it can be done under favorable conditions. Miss A. S. Perry started this club nine years ago and still continues to give it her earnest attention. The Progress Club, a group of sixteen young

ladies from seventeen to nineteen years of age, under the supervision of Miss Julia W. Frothingham, has taken up, during the past year, art and travel, making written notes and illustrating them with appropriate pictures; also Shakespeare with papers and discussion of plays read. One night in the month is set apart for the consideration, both by written papers and discussion, of some one topic, such as "Character," "What is a Moral Act," "How to Succeed in Life," "Concentration," etc. The fact that such topics as these are selected by members themselves is deeply significant of the real value of the work of this club.

TRADE CLASSES.

THESE classes are intended as a practical educational experiment for the community at large, not solely for the North End.

SUPERVISORS OF THE PLUMBING SCHOOL.

C. H. CRONIN, *Chairman*.

DAVID CRAIG.

JOHN CRAWFORD.

EDWARD C. KELLEY.

DANIEL SHANNON.

THE applications for admission to the Plumbing School continue to be in excess of accommodations. Pupils come from Cambridge, Lynn, Everett, Hyde Park, Quincy, Lawrence, and other suburban towns, as well as from Boston proper. During the season the apprenticeship Committee of the Master Plumbers' Association has held numerous meetings at the Union to study the apprenticeship question and to formulate some system of indenture. They recognize that a school is a necessary part of such agreement. When advancement in the trade is made dependent upon a definite amount of skill and efficiency, such as an apprenticeship system will prescribe, then it will be easy for the school to do more adequate work.

SUPERVISORS OF THE PRINTING SCHOOL.

J. STEARNS CUSHING, *Chairman.*

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GEO. W. SIMONDS.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

OUR School of Printing is encountering many industrial problems—problems which must be solved before trade schools can achieve their best development. It is felt that any contribution the school can make towards the solution of these problems, as they relate themselves to the trade of printing, will render a service to the general cause of industrial education. One of the most important of these questions is, How the pupil, on leaving the trade school, can best be articulated with the trade itself?

All the school can do, with its twelve months' course of fifty-four hours a week, is to lay the foundation, to ground the boy in the essential principles of the trade. The application and further development of these principles must be secured in the shop. This depends on the employer, and without his sympathetic cooperation in this direction the school will fail to accomplish its best purpose. Fortunately, our School of Printing has behind it a group of prominent employing printers, who are actively interested in promoting its welfare. That this interest is increasing, is evidenced by the fact that within a month eleven printers pledged \$100 each towards the support of the school.

CONCLUSION.

ABOUT fifty volunteers and twenty-two paid workers have contributed to the work of the Union during the past year. The services rendered cannot be weighed or measured, or the value expressed in terms of dollars and cents. They have our hearty, appreciative thanks.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
Superintendent.

MAY, 1906.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

REV. FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT, *Minister*.

THE year at Channing Church has been one of considerable progress, though no change has been made in the character of the work. Notwithstanding the fact that since Mr. Day's resignation in February there has been no regular minister and the pulpit has been filled by "candidates," there has been a steady increase in the numbers at the morning services and a greater activity in the general church work.

The society is well organized. There is a Parish Committee, a Woman's Alliance, a Flower Committee, and two Social Clubs. The work of the Sunday-school has been somewhat hampered by the resignation of its Superintendent, Mr. Ernest N. Bagg, on account of ill health; nevertheless, it has gone on quite prosperously, and is a very important part of the church work. The Woman's Alliance numbers twenty-five members; Girls' Club, fifteen members; Channing Social Club, twenty-five members. The Finance Committee reports that the sum of \$614 has been raised during the year, with a good prospect of increasing this amount the coming year. This money is used to meet expenses not covered by the appropriation of \$2,000 given them by the Fraternity.

A canvass of the neighborhood has found some eighty families connected with the church.

In conclusion: The people are earnest workers, though few in numbers, and they feel sure that with a satisfactory settled minister there is ample opportunity to make a success of Channing Church.

FREDERIC O. NORTH,
Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

MAY, 1906.

Since this report was presented, Mr. Francis Raymond Sturtevant, just graduating from the Harvard Divinity School, has accepted a call from Channing Church to begin his ministry there Sept. 1, 1906.

Morgan Memorial

Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street.

Joint Committee of Unitarians and Methodists.

REV. THOMAS VAN NESS, <i>Chairman.</i>	REV. CHARLES E. PARK.
COURTENAY GUILD, <i>Treasurer.</i>	REV. J. H. MANSFIELD.
REV. PAUL REVERE FROTHINGHAM.	EVERETT O. FISK.
MRS. CHARLES E. LINCOLN.	C. H. J. KIMBALL.

REV. EDGAR J. HELMS, *Minister.*

CARL D. GAGE, *Assistant.*

ELIZABETH S. EMMONS, *Missionary.*

EDNA C. BROWN, *Deaconess.*

F. C. MOORE, *Manager of Industries and Stores.*

AMELIA AYRES, *Visitor for Industrial Stores.*

MARY F. FAGAN, *Superintendent of Nursery.*

THE New England Conference has returned the same minister labor at Morgan Memorial for the twelfth year.

The results of the work for the closing year have been the most satisfactory during the eleven years past both in quantity and quality. We have outgrown the present building and are filling two adjacent houses. So constant is the wear by the hundreds who attend our institution every week that a visitor recently remarked with surprise, when informed that our building was only three years old, "Your place shows the wear of twenty years." Day and night, fourteen hours of every day, the doors of Morgan Memorial swing open to the two thousand men, women, and children who visit it every week. There are twenty-five religious meetings and fully fifty classes and clubs each week. Through our employment bureau and co-operative industrial relief work we come in touch with as many people each week as we do in our religious, educational, and social meetings.

These last forms of our work are so familiar to the delegate that we do not desire to write of a feature not so clearly understood — our co-operative industries and stores. Last year (1905) we gave work to over a thousand three hundred and sixty different poor families. They were not paupers and beggars, but persons who wanted to earn a little money for temporary assistance to tide them over an industrial emergency. Every applicant for work was investigated. If he was worthy and eligible for assistance from other agencies, he was put to work in our Salvage Plant, at our rug industry, cleaning, etc. Through our employment bureau we secured for those who were competent, as soon as possible, steady situations elsewhere. To these one thousand three hundred and sixty different persons have been paid the past year \$4,712 in groceries, fuel, clothing, etc. This money they earned by making articles which we sold for that sum. Moreover, in these industries and stores have eight of the Morgan Memorial missionaries been regularly supported.

To do such a business as this, closer oversight was needed than could be given by the Joint Board, and the minister did not desire to carry the financial responsibility alone. After much consideration it was decided to incorporate our Co-operative Industries and Stores and put in charge a responsible board of directors. This has been done, and the wisdom of the step has been demonstrated by the success that has followed.

Our Rug Weaving Department is turning out hundreds of beautiful rugs made out of old carpets or old rags. These are sold as fast as we can make them. People are sending us their old carpets and asking us to make rugs for them. This department will give the helping hand to hundreds in the year to come in the hour of their financial crisis.

The rugs are woven in one of two houses in Osborn Place which are owned by Co-operative Industries and Stores; the other, bought and rented by a friend of the Institution, is occupied by the Salvage Department, where old clothes etc., are sorted and prepared either for our second-hand store or for our rugs. This same generous friend owns a third house in Osborn Place, which she has fitted up as a permanent home for some of our workers. If we could but own the other two houses on Osborn Place that thoroughfare (which is a narrow way) would become the complete possession of Morgan Memorial and its friends. The houses would help to shelter our grow-

ing Industrial School and School of Handicraft. The place could be used as a playground for the city children by day and an ideal spot for our outdoor temperance and religious meetings at night; \$8,000 or \$10,000 so invested would enable us to do as great and effective work here in the Summer as we do in the Winter months. We are praying that some one who reads this report will secure that property for us.

The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has given to this work the past year \$2,250 — a sum just equal to the interest on the mortgage. The Methodist city missionary organization has given an equal sum. Their \$2,250 appropriation has met about half the amount needed for coal, light, water, taxes, salaries, etc.; \$1,561.54 has been sent to the minister who has turned it over to Mr. Courtney Guild, Treasurer of the Joint Board, for the general work; \$381.76 was given for special objects — poor relief, fresh air, Thanksgiving, etc. The people themselves of the local church and congregation were asked to raise \$1,000 for the work — and they did it, and more. They set out to raise \$1,500 and they raised \$1,200. Their committee was authorized to pay all above \$1,000 to the Unitarian Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and the Boston Missionary and Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to begin an endowment for Morgan Memorial. In pursuance with their vote of one year ago, \$100 has been turned over to each organization.

Do you realize what this means? \$1,200 paid in by these poor folks out of their scanty earnings. Many of them a few years ago were dangerous to our city, living vicious lives, existing upon the earnings of others. Here is seen, to those who have eyes to see, the miracle of the Gospel. It is now and here transforming degraded men and women into noble Christians and serviceable citizens.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. HELMS.

APRIL 30, 1906.

Parker Memorial
Appleton and Berkeley Streets.

REV. GUSTAVUS TUCKERMAN, *Superintendent*
and Minister.

MISS KATE BLANCHE LITTLEFIELD AND MISS SUSAN SCOTT,
Assistants.

THIS year's work embraced *evening lessons for adults*, comprising advanced and beginners' classes in millinery, dressmaking, wood-carving, and dancing, a class in photography, and a class for women in physical culture; *Saturday morning classes for children* in piano playing, elocution, and dancing; a *Mothers' Club*; a course of *Illustrated lectures and entertainments* as follows: "My Experiences in St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Warsaw," by Rev. Thomas Van Ness; impersonations, character sketches, and stories, by Warren G. Richards; a lecture by Cryus Weeks in place of another lecturer; a vocal and instrumental concert by the J. Ashton Lewis Concert Co.; "The Storm Heroes of our Coast; The United States Life-Saving Service," by Arthur W. Peck; and "The Land of the Midnight Sun," by Howard B. Burlingame; other *entertainments and socials* for the scholars in the classes and for different societies etc.; *Sunday evening services* by the following ministers: Rev. B. F. McDaniel, Rev. C. W. Wendté, Dr. E. E. Hale, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, Rev. Charles G. Ames, Rev. Bradley Gilman, Rev. A. L. Hudson, Rev. James DeNormandie, Rev. W. H. Lyon, Rev. E. D. Towle, Rev. W. R. Cole, Rev. Edward Cummings, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Rev. H. T. Secrist, Rev. Eugene R. Shippen, Rev. D. H. Ferrell, Rev. George F. Pratt, Rev. Walter F. Greenman, Rev. A. L. Weatherly, Rev. Edward Hale, Rev. H. H. Saunderson, Rev. James E. Odlin, and Rev. S. S. Beiler. Besides this the *office* has been open every morning for consultation and advice, and the *halls* and *gymnasium* have been at the disposal of various philanthropic and social settlement clubs in the neighborhood.

Since the Rev. Mr. Wendté's resignation in October, the work at Parker Memorial has been successfully continued during the Winter

under the charge of its committee, with Mr. Charles L. Davis as head worker and Miss Kate B. Littlefield as assistant.

The class work has had, perhaps, more than its usual success as was shown by the excellent exhibition of May 2, the membership being slightly larger than in 1904-05, this increase coming principally from the South End. The committee has tried, with satisfactory results, to cooperate with the neighboring social settlements and other agencies engaged in philanthropic work. The gymnasium and the other halls and meeting rooms have thus been constantly employed, and several clubs have met regularly in rooms assigned to them.

The usual Wednesday evening lecture course was thoroughly successful, and its program attractive. The number of lectures was reduced to six with a course ticket for twenty-five cents and single admission ten cents.

Preaching services have been maintained on Sunday evenings by the help of volunteers from the pulpits of Boston and vicinity without the customary recourse of recent years to concerts or illustrated lectures. The preaching was the best that our Unitarian body affords, and it is difficult to express our appreciation of the very cordial and generous help which Parker Memorial has received from these preachers. The largest number in attendance taxed the utmost capacity of the hall; the smallest number has been about sixty. In fact, sixty seems to be the minimum; it is a very earnest minimum, and about as many as attended strictly religious services last year. Some thirty always remain for the social meeting in the neighboring room, where there is usually informal conversation with the minister.

The appropriation for Parker Memorial was reduced to \$6,000 this year, and the five months' salary of the retiring superintendent made a heavy draft on this; but the work has been carried on well within the appropriation without detriment or loss to its important features.

EDWARD CUMMINGS,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

MAY, 1906.

The Rev. Gustavus Tuckerman has accepted the position of Superintendent and Minister of Parker Memorial for the year beginning Sept. 15, 1906.

APPENDIX

Summer Work, 1906.

Except Channing Church, where the absence of a minister and the nature of the field rendered it inadvisable, all the chapels were open for work of some kind during the summer. During Mr. Eliot's vacation the congregation of Bulfinch Place Church was invited to the services at King's Chapel and like opportunities were offered Channing Church by the First Parish of Dorchester. For various reasons the open air Sunday services on the Common were given up this year and an attempt made to replace them by services at the North End, but the difficulty of getting a proper hall and preachers at short notice prevented its success. Something of the kind will probably be tried next year.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH. The Summer Playroom was under Miss Grace Poole, Miss Marie Whitman, and Miss Bertha Taft; an hour and a half was spent in singing and games, and then another in basket weaving, housekeeping, and kindergarten occupations. The work was excellent, though a neighboring vacation school reduced the attendance so that a different plan may be followed next year. Once a week the teachers and children took excursions of some kind, and the season closed with a very successful exhibition. In June fourteen children and two adults went on automobiles to Wellesley Hills as guests of the local Sunday-school, and ten of the Mildred Ellis Club were entertained at Waverley Oaks by the Little Helpers Club of Waverley; later two parties went with Miss Jones to Nantasket, one of fifteen children and three adults, the other of twelve adults who enjoyed themselves in spite of fog and rain. The Mutual Helpers' Flower Mission, as of old, provided bouquets for distribution; the playroom children received them once a week, the workers in the laundry, the men in the Engine House, the postman, policeman, and street sweeper were also remembered; as many as three or four hundred were often distributed in one day.

NORTH END UNION. The School of Printing had but two weeks vacation, the bathrooms were used over two thousand five hundred times, and the camp at Bridgton, Maine, under C. W. Atwater, was open through July and August; the number who used it was however small, but hereafter a camping club may avoid some of the difficulties of the past year. By means of four excursions every woman and girl connected with the Union had at least one day in the country; some of the mothers and children spent a fortnight under the charge of Country Week. The Elevated Railroad and the Newton Street Railway were generous with free car fares, etc., and there was a delightful outing to Lake Shore Farm at

Sharon Heights. Four thousand eight hundred and forty three bouquets flowers were distributed among the sick and shut-in and other friends by North End Union Branch of the Mutual Helpers. Nearly thirty thousand bottles of modified milk, more than double the amount in the same time last year, were distributed during July and August at a price which enabled every mother, who desired, to have it for her child. The families in the neighborhood were visited, especially mothers with young babies, who were instructed in proper use of the milk, and often sick babies were furnished reliable medical treatment which they would not otherwise have had.

MORGAN MEMORIAL. The children's church and the adult congregation combined for morning and afternoon Sunday services during the summer, and outdoor religious and temperance meetings were also held in Osborn Place with good results. Many calls were made upon the people, and fruit and flowers were distributed to the sick as occasion offered. A large number of persons were sent into the country for at least one day: thus the Randige Fund took three hundred and fifty to Long Island, the Epworth League took fifty to Dorchester Park, the manager of Wonderland fifty to Revere Beach, twenty boys went to Long Island, the steamer "Cape Cod," took a party to Provincetown, two mothers and children went to the Mother's Rest at Beachmont, and there was also a trip to West Medford. For longer periods, the Deaconess' Home at South Lincoln housed thirteen children for ten days, six mothers spent two weeks at Highlandville, six boys and girls spent a fortnight at Clinton in charge of the local Epworth League, and two girls fourteen days at North Beverly; altogether, thirty-nine children, under Miss Fagan and two helpers, spent July and August on an abandoned farm at South Athol. Here they excited so much interest, especially in the local Methodist church, and the experiment was so successful, that Mr. Helms is arranging to take over a hundred there next year. The results of this summer school in the country were shown at a special service in Morgan Memorial on September ninth.

PARKER MEMORIAL. As formerly, free car tickets, kindly furnished by the Boston Elevated Railroad, were distributed to those in need of refreshment. Some of the Mothers' Club went to Miss Caroline Cordner's vacation home at Shirley, others to South Weymouth and Newton Highlands, and the Club, as a whole, visited Brookline, Nantasket, and Blue Hill Reservation; aid also given to individuals when circumstances warranted it. The usual distribution of free ice was not attempted this year. As in former years, the Boston Flower and Fruit Mission used the building as its headquarters this summer.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the **Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston**, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

The above is the simple form requisite in making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1907-1903.

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Committee on Bulfinch Place Church,

MESSRS. VAN NESS, NORTH AND PARK.

Committee on North End Union,

MR. MOORS, MRS. LINCOLN AND DR. GERRY.

Committee on Channing Church,

MESSRS. NORTH, CUMMINGS AND BROWN.

Committee on Morgan Memorial,

MR. GUILD, MRS. LINCOLN AND MR. PARK.

Committee on Parker Memorial,

MESSRS. CUMMINGS, MOORS AND BROWN.

Committee on General Work,

MR. FROTHINGHAM, MRS. LINCOLN AND DR. GERRY.

Committee on Care and Repairs of Buildings,

MESSRS. NORTH AND FOWLER.

Committee on Poor's Purse.

MESSRS. FOWLER AND CUMMINGS.

The Executive Committee holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month, except July, August and September.

LIST OF DELEGATES
OF THE
BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES
IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.
1907-1908.

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH.

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM.....294 Beacon Street
 COURTENAY GUILD.....26 Mount Vernon Street
 HENRY W. SWIFT.....50 State Street
 REV. ROBERT F. LEAVENS.....32 Rockview St., Jamaica Plain

KING'S CHAPEL.

REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.....297 Beacon Street
 FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.....296 Marlborough Street
 ERNEST JACKSON.....383 Beacon Street
 J. A. L. BLAKE.....37 Beacon Street
 HERBERT LYMAN.....26 Marlborough Street

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS.....104 Irving Street, Cambridge
 WILLIAM P. FOWLER.....Room 726, 18 Tremont Street
 FREDERIC H. NAZRO.....272 Devonshire Street
 HARRY B. SAWYER.....84 State Street
 CHARLES L. DAVIS.....16 Pearl Street, Dorchester

SECOND CHURCH.

REV. THOMAS VAN NESS.....11 Carlton Street, Brookline
 J. ALLEN CROSBY.....70 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain
 C. LOUIS BERTRAM.....125 Meridian Street, East Boston
 WILLIAM R. CONOVER.....2 Chatham Row

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FIRST CHURCH.

REV. CHARLES E. PARK.....405 Marlborough Street
JOSEPH G. FRANCIS.....40 State Street
ARTHUR W. MOORS.....111 Devonshire Street
CHARLES E. LOUD.....2 Kilby Street
DAWES E. FURNESS.....89 Pinckney Street

FIRST PARISH, DORCHESTER.

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N. WINTHROP ROBINSON....242 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester

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REV. CHARLES G. AMES.....12 Chestnut Street
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ALFRED JONES.....78 Chauncy Street
HENRY P. NICKERSON.....37 Upton Street

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REV. JAMES HUXTABLE....568 East Fifth Street, South Boston
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MRS. E. W. HOWE.....10 Wayne Street, Roxbury
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MRS. JOHN A. WHITTEMORE...Hastings Street, West Roxbury
BENJAMIN H. JONES....87 Mount Vernon Street, West Roxbury

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

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FREDERICK J. WHITE.....42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
MRS. FREDERICK J. WHITE....42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
DR. J. HENRY WOODS.....Brighton
MRS. J. HENRY WOODS.....Brighton

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA PLAIN.

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E. PEABODY GERRY, M. D.....2 Everett Street, Jamaica Plain
MISS ELLEN LEE.....Alveston Street, Jamaica Plain

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REV. D. ROY FREEMAN...1040 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
DR. M. ORDWAY DALY...1119 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
MRS. HARRIET FURBUSH...65 Alban Street, Dorchester Centre
DR. JAMES S. GREENE....1107 Wash. Street, Dorchester Centre
SAMUEL OLIVER.....16 River Street, Dorchester

The Annual Meeting of the delegates for the choice of officers is on the first Sunday in May. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

Each church belonging to the Fraternity is entitled to five delegates, who should be chosen by their respective churches annually, on or before the first Sunday in April; but failure, for two successive years, to contribute to the support of the Fraternity forfeits membership in the corporation. The contributions from the churches should be paid before the first day of May.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

PRESENTED MAY 5, 1907.

The Benevolent Fraternity was formed in 1834 by the leading Unitarian Churches of Boston, to conduct certain religious and philanthropic missions in the city, which were then under the charge of the American Unitarian Association. It now carries on five missions, namely, Bulfinch Place Church, North End Union, Channing Church, Morgan Memorial (a Methodist Chapel), and Parker Memorial, and also helps financially one of the weaker churches of the city. Since September, the vacancies formerly existing at Channing Church and Parker Memorial, have been filled and the reports from these Chapels, to come later, will show how well they are doing under their new heads. There have also been some changes among the assistants at North End Union, but each chapel has now its corps of workers complete.

The Executive Committee has taken pains this year to put the various buildings in good order, and this necessitated much expense, but nothing has been done which was not needed, either to prevent deterioration or to carry the work on properly. On the other hand, certain expenses connected with printing the report, etc., have been cut down.

The Sunday services on the Common have been discontinued, as the Committee on General Work deemed the surroundings unfitted for the proper presentation of religious truth.

The By-Laws of the Fraternity, which had been partially amended at various times, have been thoroughly revised to make the organization more consistent and effective, and other steps taken to increase the interest of the delegates in the work.

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

During the year the funds of the Fraternity have been increased by over \$5,000 from new legacies or old ones, which have but lately become available.

The special fund, called the Poor's Purse, has paid pensions to nine deserving women, amounting annually in two cases to \$120; in three more to \$84, \$52 and \$50 respectively, and to \$25 each in the other four cases. It has also occasionally made special grants to deserving persons.

Before closing, a word should be said about Morgan Memorial. The arrangement by which a joint committee of Unitarians and Methodists has taken over the immediate management of this chapel, has relieved the Executive Committee of much embarrassment; but this has only been accomplished by the steady, painstaking, self-sacrificing work of representatives of the Fraternity on that committee. To them it is due, that in two years the chapel has paid off \$2,000 of its second mortgage, and enters next year with a fair balance to its credit.

With this short review of the year's work, your attention is asked for the detailed reports from the Treasurer and the heads of the different chapels which follow.

For the Executive Committee,

ERNEST JACKSON,

Recording Secretary.

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STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER.

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches
in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1, 1907:

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,483.50
Income from investments.....	10,964.79
Contributions from friends.....	145.00
Contributions from churches.....	5,806.06
Contributions for Parker Memorial.....	1,217.15
Contributions for Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00
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	\$21,916.50

We have also received the following bequests and gifts to establish Special Funds:

Estate of Charles Merriam.....	\$2,000.00
Estate of Charlotte E. Fellows.....	1,000.00
Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund.....	100.00
Estate of Thomas Gaffield.....	2,000.00
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	\$5,100.00

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$6,631.65	
City of Boston, 1906 taxes.....	298.92	
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	\$6,930.57	\$6,930.57
Rents received.....	\$1,665.00	
Home income.....	1,177.15	
Free Religious Association.....	25.00	
Channing Alliance Branch of New- ton, Mass.....	15.00	
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	\$2,882.15	
Net expense.....	<hr/>	
	\$4,048.42	
	<i>North End Union.</i>	
Expenses	\$4,246.44	4,246.44
Rents received.....	775.00	
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Net expense.....	<hr/>	
	\$3,471.44	
Amount carried forward.....		<hr/>
		\$11,177.01

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<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$11,177.01
<i>Channing Church.</i>		
Expenses		1,626.50
<i>Morgan Memorial.</i>		
Expenses (including rentals turned over).....	\$3,543.50	3,543.50
Rents received.....	1,043.50	
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Net expense.....	\$2,500.00	
<i>Bulfinch Place Church.</i>		
Expenses	\$5,220.04	5,220.04
Home Contribution.....	300.00	
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Net expense.....	\$4,920.04	
Administrative expenses.....		717.71
Care and Repairs Committee.....		1,662.96
No. 2960 Washington St., Boston, expense acct. foreclosure of mortgage on same.....		66.78
<i>Sundries.</i>		
Printing Annual Report.....	\$87.22	
Examination of Treasurer's books.....	40.00	
Storage of Brattle Square Church Silver.....	2.50	129.72
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Expenditures	\$24,144.22	
Income	21,916.50	
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Deficit	\$2,227.72	
Net gain on securities sold.....	1,227.35	
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Actual deficit.....	\$1,000.37	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

<i>Contributions.</i>		
Arlington Street Church.....	\$2,480.00	
King's Chapel.....	1,280.75	
South Congregational Church.....	1,100.00	
Second Church in Boston.....	350.00	
First Church in Boston.....	310.00	
First Parish, Dorchester.....	150.00	
Church of the Disciples.....	60.00	
Hawes Unitarian Church.....	30.31	
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury.....	20.00	
First Parish, West Roxbury.....	15.00	
First Parish, Brighton.....	10.00	
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	\$5,806.06	\$5,806.06

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For Parker Memorial.

Channing Alliance Branch of Newton.....	15.00	
Free Religious Association.....	25.00	
Home Income.....	1,177.15	
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	\$1,217.15	\$1,217.15

For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution for general expenses.....	\$300.00
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Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross.....	\$100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge.....	25.00	
W. H. P. Robbins.....	20.00	
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	\$145.00	\$145.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1, 1907, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments, and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached.

GEORGE S. CHASE, *Auditor.*

Boston, May 1, 1907.

Special Funds, bearing the following names, have from time to time been presented by individuals or corporations to the Fraternity and have been separately invested and their income used in strict accord with the conditions attached by the donors:

The Cyrus A. Bartol Fund.	The Charles Merriam Fund.
From Brattle Square Church:—	The New South Church Fund
The Charity Fund.	The Samuel E. Sawyer Fund.
The Mary Russell Dexter Fund.	The Benjamin Sweetser Fund.
The Parsonage Fund.	The Quincy Tufts Fund.
The Harriet Louisa Brown Fund.	The Ann White Vose Fund.
The Church of the Unity Fund.	The Robert C. Waterston Fund.
The Martha Clapp Fund.	From the West Boston Society:—
The John H. Eastburn Fund.	The Aged Poor Fund.
The Helen L. Edmands Fund.	The Derby Fund.
The Charles Faulkner Fund.	The Catherine H. Wild Fund.
The Charlotte E. Fellows Fund.	The Jeannie Winkley Fund.
The Thomas Gaffield Fund.	The Permanent Fund Subscription.
The Henry P. Kidder Fund.	The Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund.

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BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, *Minister.*

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, *Assistants.*

The work of the Bulfinch Place Church centres in the Church and Sunday-school, and the activities which spring naturally from these.

We are not even an institutional church. We are, rather, a church home. Our aim is character-building, and our chief reliance is upon moral and religious influences, brought to bear upon individuals while studying, working, worshipping, or even playing together. It is from this point of view that our activities are to be judged.

THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Three interesting anniversaries have passed during the year. In September Mr. Winkley, our Pastor Emeritus, completed his sixtieth year of his service in the ministry-at-large. Since his retirement from active work in 1896 he has given the church his constant sympathy, assistance and advice, and the abundant love with which his heart is always overflowing. On December 9th the eightieth anniversary of the Howard Sunday-school, and also of the beginning of Dr. Tuckerman's work, was observed by appropriate services, Mr. Eliot preaching a special sermon upon "The Ideals which inspired the Founders of the Ministry-at-Large." On October 10th a reception was held for Miss Elizabeth S. Emmons, in honor of the seventieth anniversary of her membership in our Sunday-school. It was certainly fitting that such a remarkable record should be noticed, the more so as Miss Emmons has given so many years of faithful service to the work of the Fraternity at Morgan Memorial.

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The regular services of the church and Sunday-school have been well attended, and on special occasions the numbers have been most encouraging, the attendance at the Communion Service seldom falls below sixty. At the Easter Communion there were over 100, and eleven new members united with the church. The total number of families closely connected is 213, and there are many more, perhaps 200, which we serve in some useful way.

The Sunday-school membership, including teachers, is 195, an increase of 23 over last year. The average attendance, especially of teachers, has been excellent, considering that so many come from a distance.

THE WINKLEY GUILD AND THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.

Closely connected with the religious work of the church is that of the Winkley Guild and the Women's Alliance. The Guild has met every other Sunday evening. Papers have been read by its members or visiting ministers upon "Unitarian Leaders and Our Unitarian Faith." The Guild has continued the publication of the church paper, "Our Work," has held three "Socials," and taken an active interest in the Boston Federation of the Young People's Religious Union.

The Alliance has met twice a month, and has devoted itself to the study of the "Development of Liberal Religion in Foreign Countries." Once a month an address has been given by an outside speaker. Money has been raised by membership fees and a sale of preserves. Contributions have been made to denominational interests, amounting to \$93.96, and to our own church \$158.08. There are fifty-eight members. In May the Anniversary Week lunches were given at our church, superintended by our Alliance, and in January the New England Associate Alliance was entertained. In spite of a snow storm the church was crowded. The meeting was devoted to the work of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, with addresses by the president of the Fraternity and representatives of all its branches.

EDUCATIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC.

Five courses of Stereopticon Lectures have been given.

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with an attendance of from 150 to 200. Tickets for each course were sold at 25 cents, and the receipts nearly covered expenses.

The Saturday Classes, conducted and paid for by the Sphinx Club, have continued successfully. Number of pupils, 65; teachers, 16; membership by classes, 120; subjects taught, sewing, embroidery, wood carving, elocution, millinery, piano, mandolin. Five pianos are in use for 41 pupils. Fifteen of the teachers are volunteers. A class in gymnastics for 17 little girls is paid for by the Club.

The Gymnasium has been used as follows: On Monday and Saturday evenings by about forty young men from the West End House, a social centre for Jewish clubs, maintained by Mr. James J. Storrow. Mr. Storrow pays for the teacher and electric lights. As a means of bringing us into practical co-operation with West End House this has been very satisfactory work. On Monday afternoons by the upper classes in Mrs. Stannard's School for Kindergarten Teachers. This also has been a very pleasant and useful bit of "co-operation." Mrs. Stannard will contribute something towards expenses. On Saturdays by the class for young girls, already referred to, conducted by Miss Marian Hallett, a graduate of Dr. Sargent's School; and also by a class for boys, conducted by Dr. Herman E. Kahn. The total number in these two classes is twenty-seven.

LEND-A-HAND AND OTHER CLUBS.

We have eleven Lend-a-Hand Clubs, with a total membership of 259. By far the largest and most important is the Eliot Circle with its 154 members. This is a woman's club, and meets once a month. It is chiefly the work of its president, Miss Katharine R. Stokes, and includes a good many persons not otherwise attached to our Church. We often call it "the open door," as it serves to welcome strangers to our closer fellowship. Nine regular meetings have been held during the year. The Circle raised \$250 by a fair in November, and has been expending it in Lend-a-Hand ways, both inside and outside of the Church. At Christmas an Eliot Circle Party is a special feature, bringing together over 150 children and almost as many adults.

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In February a Valentine Party was given, with an attendance of 175. The club sent by mail 169 valentines to the sick and shut-ins.

The Red, White and Blue Club, not calling itself a Lend-a-Hand Club, has met regularly every Monday evening. It is a club of twenty-nine boys and young men; it celebrated its tenth anniversary in November, and gave its eleventh annual supper in January. Upon this occasion in addition to social features there were addresses upon the fundamental principles of good citizenship. The boys have accumulated a reserve fund of nearly \$400 towards a "home for homeless boys," which they hope some day to see established in Boston. The purpose of the club is "to promote the growth of the manly character, to render all possible Christian service, and to create a social interest among its members."

OUR WORK.

Representative of the many-sided character of the work we try to do, and also of the central idea, is the little paper we publish each month under the name "Our Work." To lead men to worship God and to serve one another is our ideal, and we have "faith to believe" that our influence is far-reaching. Visiting is a very important part of our work, but we use the Post Office very freely. Hundreds of letters, postal cards, Christmas and Easter cards, as well as copies of "Our Work," and Unitarian tracts and Cheerful Letter literature, go forth in a steady stream, to keep us in touch with a world beyond our regular parish. The amount of money contributed by our people for the church itself and its work cannot be far from \$1,400, and the number of active workers, (Sunday-school teachers, officers and leaders in different organizations) is not less than sixty.

As trustee for the Tuckerman Sewing Circle, your minister has received the money so generously contributed by that time-honored society, and has distributed it among our ministers-at-large for their charitable and philanthropic work, using his own portion largely for needy individuals and families. Without this aid our work would be seriously handicapped. We heartily thank the Fraternity, and es-

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pecially the Bulfinch Place Church Sub-Committee for the repairs made during the year. We would also renew our thanks to the members of the Tuckerman Circle, and the many ministers and laymen who have helped us during the year by lectures or addresses.

As a minister-at-large your minister has felt justified in acting also for several years as a director of several societies. More recently he has succeeded Mr. Hubbard as President of the North End and West End Social Union, and has also accepted a position as one of the directors of the new Tuckerman School for Parish Assistants. These opportunities for service, kindred to our own, sometimes take considerable thought and time, but strengthen our influence both in our own special field and among the friends of the Fraternity.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT,

Minister.

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THE NORTH END UNION.

20 Parmenter Street.

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street.

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The work of the North End Union may be classified under four general headings—industrial training, physical culture, social and intellectual entertainments, as exemplified by the Clubs and miscellaneous activities.

Our industrial work has two separate and distinct aims; (a) training that will enable one to minister to one's own

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personal needs, and (b) trade training in a more restricted sense. Under group "a" we have the following classes in the Children's House; the Saturday Morning Sewing Class, with a total number of 175 pupils, and an average attendance of 146, under one paid and 23 volunteer teachers; dressmaking classes, two for school girls, each two afternoons a week, two for working girls, each one evening a week, and one for mothers, one evening a week; a millinery class for working girls, one evening a week; and a mending class for school girls one afternoon a week; all these latter classes are under paid instructors. Under "b" we have at 20 Parmenter Street the Plumbing School, with 50 evenings of shop work and 9 of technical lectures for 34 pupils, the limit of accommodations, all of whom work as "helpers" in plumbing shops; and the Printing School, with a twelve months' course, nine hours daily, for 13 pupils, the limit of accommodations, all formally indentured to employing printers for one year in the school and three in the shop.

Our physical culture work consists of gymnasium classes, two evenings a week for young men, one evening for young women, and one evening for boys, and a junior and senior team each in basket and baseball.

Our social and intellectual work comprises four clubs each for young men, young women and boys, two for girls, and one mixed club of young men and women, each under its own volunteer supervisor, seven of them having been added during the year; also a course of lectures fully illustrated with lantern slides; and socials once a month, open to members of the Union and their friends and the young women in the classes.

Our miscellaneous work consists of the Sunday School, held at 3-15 each Sunday, from November to May; stamp savings with a total deposit from October to May of \$1,052.00; a play room open five afternoons in the week, omitting Saturday and Sunday, with 70 children registered and an average attendance of about 40; distribution of modified milk for babies, daily before 8 A. M.; 15,000 bottles sold a month; a summer camp at Bridgton, Maine, with accommodations for 24 at a time for two weeks for \$16.00, including fares; summer excursions for members of

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the classes; flower distribution during July and August, a branch of the "Mutual Helpers' Flower Work"; window gardening, the flower seeds and loam sold at nominal prices; public baths daily, 10 cents for men, 5 for women and children, the whole number of baths for the year being 5233 taken by men, 318 by boys, 3929 by women and 1803 by girls; total, 11,283. Reading Room and Library open every evening 7 to 9.30; an office and call station for the Boston Dispensary and the Instructive District Nursing Association, and since the report was first written a Dental Clinic conducted by the Tufts College Dental School.

Miss Harriet L. Johnson, who succeeded Miss Barker in July, 1906, has general supervision of all the industrial classes at the Children's House, the play room, the distribution of modified milk, etc. She has reported separately.

The Apprenticeship Festival, held at the Union last October, was unique and significant in its relation to the apprenticeship question. Ten pupils in the School of Printing, together with their parents and their prospective employers, entered into a formal apprenticeship agreement in the presence of a large number of prominent employing printers and interested friends.

At the Exhibit of Industrial Conditions, held at Horticultural Hall in April of this year, the School of Printing made a creditable display, showing examples of its work and methods of instruction, and the aim and purpose of the school.

The Union has had in different departments of its work 23 paid and 41 volunteer workers. We desire to express to each and all our hearty, appreciative thanks for the earnest, faithful service which has been given to the work of the Union.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD,
Superintendent.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

In beginning the work at the Children's House for the season of 1906-1907 the classes were made up mainly of new

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girls, it having been decided to drop all who had had two or more years' instruction in dressmaking. This made room for several who were very anxious to join, and who had not had such an advantage. The majority of them proved to be industrious and appreciative pupils. During the season the afternoon and evening classes for school girls and working girls in dressmaking, as well as the millinery class and the dressmaking class for mothers, have accomplished some very commendable work. There has also been a weekly mending lesson to girls of a younger age than the dressmaking classes. Their work was on garments brought from home, and before the season was finished they showed some excellent specimens of darning and patching.

The double rooms on the second floor of the Children's House, having been vacated by the Public School, were fitted up for club rooms. During the winter there were four new clubs started among Italian girls of the district, each club meeting once a week. Varied programmes were planned for each meeting of the month, and it was arranged to have every member take some active part during that time. The girls have shown interest and appreciation in the clubs, and are looking forward to another season.

In the Play Room there were registered about 70 children of kindergarten age. Here it was noted in several cases that little ones, who had come to us very stiff in limbs and forlorn in expression, changed wonderfully before the winter was over, the Play Room having given them the freedom that their little bodies and minds needed. The children were allowed to romp and make as much noise as they felt inclined, and it was our endeavor to make them feel this freedom. Miss Louise Hastings, who assisted in the Play Room, gave instruction in kindergarten gymnastics, in periods of about 20 minutes each, two or three times a week. The children were fond of the training, and it had its share in our pleasing results.

HARRIET L. JOHNSON,

Assistant Superintendent.

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CHANNING CHURCH,

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

REV. FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT, *Minister.*

The work of the past year at Channing Church is encouraging. The society is stronger and every department shows an increase in numbers and activity; and better still there is a larger feeling of confidence for the future, and a closer spirit of fellowship among the members. No attempt has been made to change the character of the work, and Channing Church is still simply a neighborhood chapel offering to Unitarians and the unchurched of this vicinity a house of worship and church home.

The Sunday-school has more than doubled its members since the opening sessions in September, and has now an actual membership of 85, the average attendance being about 65. The Kindergarten Class of 25 children, under two efficient teachers, is especially promising.

The regular Sunday morning services of worship have had congregations varying from 35 to 50 through the winter months, but during the last two months (March and April), the average has been close to 60. Beginning in November, monthly evening services have been held, and with gratifying results. The parish and neighborhood have shown a real appreciation, and congregations, averaging about 100, have attended. It has not been thought desirable to hold evening religious services oftener until the society is stronger, as the expense of procuring suitable music is considerable, and the morning congregation is somewhat decreased when the two services are held. It is interesting to note that the increase of attendance at the services of worship over last year's attendance is about thirty per cent.

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CLUBS.

The Women's Alliance has increased its membership to 30. Always the strongest organization in the parish, it has this year contributed about \$200.00 toward the expenses of the church. At the request of the minister, five members have offered their services to assist him in the work of the ministry-at-large. The Channing Juvenile Club, composed of girls, has contributed \$5.00 to the church.

Since September four new clubs have been organized, the Channing Guild, the Boys' Gymnasium Club and the Girls' Gymnasium Club in the fall, and the Junior Social Club this spring.

The Channing Guild, a Young People's Religious Union, numbers 20 members. Its purpose is to bind the young people of the church for the furtherance of social, educational and religious work, and to serve as a working body for the church. During the winter the topic for study was "American Unitarianism," all but two of the papers being furnished by members of the club. The Guild has entertained the Parish at two social evenings, and has given two entertainments, for each of which over 100 tickets were sold.

The Junior Social Club, just recently formed, has not as yet made out any definite programme. It is composed of boys and girls under 16 years of age, and aims to bring about a better social acquaintance among the younger people of the church.

The gymnasium, though not large enough or adequate for the use of our young men, has been well appreciated this year by the little people, both boys and girls. Classes under the charge of competent instructors have met once a week through the winter. Basket-ball has been the chief amusement, and a basket-ball carnival was held last winter, when the Boys' Club entertained the Girls' Club.

THE PARISH.

Since the opening of the church in September, 22 families have been added to the parish list, making a total of 103 families, to whom this church now ministers. This means that we reach in our daily ministry many who do not often, if ever, attend our Sunday services of worship. Since Sep-

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tember, also, 18 persons have signed the covenant of the church, and become regular members of the society, making a total of **70 covenant signers** now more or less active in interest in the church.

The annual meeting of the parish was held on April 24. The treasurer's report showed that the sum of \$555.75 had been raised during the past church year to meet current expenses not covered by the annual appropriation from the Fraternity. There have been 37 subscribers, the weekly envelope system being used. The parish fair, conducted by the Women's Alliance, netted \$143.00. Mr. E. E. Pritchett, who has been president of the parish for the past two years, felt compelled, because of pressure of outside business, to resign, and Mr. George C. Irwin, a recent covenant signer, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. The other officers elected are: Alfred Bohm, secretary; William Keim, treasurer; Mrs. Mary L. Harde, financial secretary. Great confidence is felt in these officers, all of whom are new in their positions.

In conclusion, it may be said that we are full of hope at Channing Church. We feel that we have many friends who are watching us and helping us. We have not advertised in the newspapers or by circular this year, but have been eminently successful, simply by personal exertions. We are growing one by one. Our progress may be slow, but we feel sure that in a few years Channing Church, with its new spirit of confidence, will become a strong and effective power in this community.

FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT,

April 25, 1907.

Minister.

A synopsis of the past year's activities follows:

Sunday Services: Regular service of worship at 10.45 A. M.; Sunday-school at 12.10 P. M.; monthly evening service, second Sunday of the month, at 7.30 P. M.

Week Day Meetings: The Women's Alliance (Mrs. C. E. Snow, President). first and third Wednesdays of the

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month at 2.30 P. M.; the **Channing Guild**, first and third Fridays of the month at 8 P. M.; the **Channing Juvenile Society** (Eva Snow, President), first and third Wednesday of the month at 4.30 P. M.; **Junior Social Club** (Frank Horton, President), second and fourth Fridays of the month at 7.30 P. M.; the Girls' Gymnasium Class, every Friday at 4 P. M.; the Boys' Gymnasium Class, every Friday at 7 P. M. **Other activities and events:** Parish gathering in the fall, with reception to new ministry; parish suppers; Sunday-school picnic in June, and Christmas tree for the children in December; a handkerchief social; a parish fair, conducted by the Women's Alliance on December 12 and 13; six entertainments; two social evenings; three social gatherings of the children; all day meetings of the Women's Alliance; "open meetings" of the Women's Alliance.



The Men's Spa, Morgan Memorial.

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In its card catalogue of children belonging to the various enterprises at Morgan Memorial the past year we find more than 1,000 different names. This is not a small constituency. These children represent no small amount of labor and tact on the part of the missionaries, who must overcome religious and racial prejudices to attract them to the place, and to keep a constant hold upon them.

More than 100 different little children and babies have been shepherded by our Day Nursery the past year; in this number were 14 different nationalities. This nursery is now ten years old, and more than any other effort it has disarmed religious and racial prejudice against Morgan Memorial. It has been an unselfish ministry to the helpless, unhampered by "red tape." We shall never regret that we have literally followed the example of the Great Treacher, who took into his arms and blessed the babies who were running loose in the crowd.

Scores of other children, who on account of street dangers, or some natural deficiency, could not attend the public kindergartens, have been cared for in our kindergarten, which for several years has been under the supervision of Miss Lucy Wheelock's School.

A large number of children have been enrolled in our School of Music. There have been classes in piano, organ, violin, voice culture, etc., etc. The school has been nearly self-supporting; every pupil has paid for instruction, either in money or service.

There have been three clubs of girls and three of boys, with not more than twelve members each. Special merit or need has determined the membership of these clubs.

More than two hundred have been enrolled in the Industrial School, where the children have been taught sewing, cooking, printing, cobbling, basketry, sloyd, etc., etc. The annual exhibition in May demonstrates the excellent character of the work.

Hundreds have enrolled in the Sunday-school and children's Church. The work is thoroughly democratic; this is our weakness and our strength. In time we lose our hold upon some whom we have helped to lift out of degradation, who, forgetting us, seek some other alliances more aristo-



The Second-Hand Clothing Store, Morgan Memorial.

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cratic. But their places are more than filled by others needing cleansing and the healing touch, and Morgan Memorial is a mighty power for good cheer and righteousness among the more than 1,000 boys and girls connected with the institution.

Morgan Memorial has also a card catalogue containing the names and addresses of more than 1,000 adults connected with the various organizations of the work. These come to Morgan Memorial from a great variety of motives. There are for them 25 religious meetings every week; there are reform clubs, social organizations, educational classes, benefit societies, etc. The employment bureau, the real estate office, the temperance saloon, the "House of Thrift," the "House of Industry," the "House of Peace," the "House of Praise" indicate the great variety of interests and enterprises carried on at Morgan Memorial for human betterment.

Morgan Memorial has another card catalogue containing the names of nearly 3,000 of the residents in the immediate neighborhood. To those who do not attend its services it sends some message of neighborly interest every month or two. Owing to the constant moving of the people it is difficult to keep this record complete, but the very effort makes the neighborhood realize we are awake and stirring around.

Morgan Memorial has still another card catalogue of nearly 3,000 persons in Boston and vicinity, who have become patrons of its industrial relief work either by their contributions of clothing, etc., or by purchasing the rugs, baskets, etc., manufactured in our industries. To our great gratification this list of patrons is constantly enlarging. The Unitarians and Methodists in Greater Boston ought to send us their discarded clothes, furniture, papers, etc. We are converting these things into articles of blessing to the poor. What cannot be repaired is disposed of as shoddy and paper stock.

For years Morgan Memorial has encouraged the people; it has been able to put upon their feet, to remove from the neighborhood to the suburbs and a better moral and physical environment. The result has been the constant loss

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of those who could help the Chapel and be a blessing to the neighborhood. For two years past we have pursued a different policy. We have through our Real Estate Agency tried to get the immoral and disreputable people out of the neighborhood, and to fill their places with those seeking to live a better life. We have also sought to encourage landlords to keep their houses in a sanitary condition in order to keep desirable tenants. The results following this change of policy are encouraging. The social, civic, industrial and moral character of the neighborhood has greatly improved. Our settlement work, therefore, has greatly enlarged; besides the regular workers in residence in our building and the two other houses used by them, several lodging houses are now filled with people heartily co-operating with us to improve the neighborhood.

The minister desires to gratefully record the successful performance of the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" at the Boston Theatre in behalf of Morgan Memorial. The proceeds were sufficient to pay the deficiencies of the year, and to reduce somewhat the mortgage. To all the kind friends who helped to carry this affair to a splendid success we are very grateful, and all the more so for the fact that it was all done without putting any extra effort, anxiety or responsibility upon the minister.

EDGAR J. HELMS,

Minister.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

MRS. E. L. DUNNING, *President*, Winchester.

MRS. C. S. ATHERTON, *First Vice-President*, Roxbury.

MRS. ROBERT FALCONER, *Second Vice-President*, Hyde Park.

MISS KATE F. HOBART, *Recording Secretary*, Boston.

MRS. GEORGE H. ROOT, *Corresponding Secretary*, Winchester.

MRS. A. G. ROBBINS, *Treasurer*, Belmont.

The Auxiliary Association of the Methodist and Unitarian women of the churches of Greater Boston was formed after their successful labors together for the "Carnival of

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Nations" in 1905. This Auxiliary is of valuable assistance to the Morgan Memorial work by keeping the churches represented in touch with the work there, and by aiding its activities in many ways. It supports an extra "friendly visitor" for the district about the Memorial, whose relief work among the needy, ill and troubled who seek its ministrations is of incalculable benefit. It provides volunteer substitutes for the Day Nursery Matron, giving her a much needed relief, volunteer teachers in the Industrial School Saturday mornings, literature for the Temperance Spa, entertainments for some of the Social Evenings, and fruit and fresh eggs for the sick. It distributes the "Relief Bags," holds sales for the products of the Memorial industries, and assists in raising the sums necessary for the maintenance of the Industrial School and the Fresh Air Camp at South Athol.

The Executive Committee of the Fraternity and its sub-committee on Morgan Memorial are equally appreciative of the assistance the Auxiliary has given to the manifold and complex activities of this institution.

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PARKER MEMORIAL.

Appleton and Berkeley Streets.

REV. GUSTAVUS TUCKERMAN, *Superintendent and Minister.*

MISS KATE BLANCHE LITTLEFIELD, *Secretary.*

MISS SUSAN SCOTT, *Assistant.*

In the main, the work of the past twelve months has proceeded along familiar lines. Receiving his appointment in mid-September, the Superintendent entered as speedily as possible upon the discharge of his duties. Resumption of the various religious, educational and social activities was accomplished early in the following month.

The congregation drawn by the Sunday night preaching service has averaged about 50 persons, of whom between 30 and 40 are constant in attendance, and apparently really interested. A perceptible increase in numbers during the last few weeks would seem to indicate that the decline from the higher average of last year might be due in part to the unusually large percentage of stormy Sunday nights during the fall and winter. Exceptionally good music has been furnished by George Albert Burdett and a quartette choir. Aside from the minister the preachers have been Rev. Messrs. Jaynes, Park, Van Ness, Solley, Gilman and Dr. Crapsey. Preceding and following the meetings the people have gathered in the parlors for friendly intercourse and discussion of social questions. The minister has performed one marriage and conducted one funeral.

Under the efficient oversight of the Secretary, Miss Littlefield, the Class Work has been eminently satisfactory. Owing to dearth of applicants, classes in music and elocution for children and the adult class in wood carving were omitted. In their stead an evening class in cooking was resumed, and day classes in millinery and dressmaking added. The total enrollment for the season in the classes was



The Daily Lunch of the Home Club, Parker Memorial.

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228. Of this number 94 registered from Boston proper, 34 from Roxbury, 27 from Dorchester and the balance from the suburbs and surrounding towns. In spite of the low rate of tuition a small credit balance is the financial result.

Since the beginning of December, under the sympathetic supervision of Miss Susan Scott, a graduate day nursery, the Home Club, has been maintained through the enthusiastic co-operation of Miss Amelia H. Ames of the Arlington Street Church, who obtained money for its support. From 25 to 30 fatherless children are thereby provided with a simple noonday meal, and given occupation and oversight from the close of school until supper time. In the estimation of Public School principals and teachers this branch of the work is of great importance and capable of almost indefinite extension, because of the large number of public school children manifestly suffering from insufficient nourishment and lack of intelligent motherly care.

During the fall and winter five gymnasium classes were conducted under the gratuitous tuition of eight pupils of Dr. Sargent of Cambridge. These classes, together with the Home Club, have brought us in contact with between 50 and 60 neighborhood working women depending on their own exertions for support, for whom either directly or through the children we have been able to do many useful things. The Home Club children and many of the others have had thorough physical examination by competent physicians, and those requiring treatment have received it through the co-operation of the New England Hospital for Women and Children and the Tufts Dental College. Bathing receives oversight. Practical instruction in domestic economy is given. Helpfulness in the care of the building is encouraged. There is a carpentry class for boys. It is hoped that a permanent club may be formed of the older young people, and a beginning in that direction has been made.

As heretofore, the privilege of using the halls, gymnasium and club rooms has been extended to more than twenty clubs and other organizations not connected with Parker Memorial, either for regular meetings or single ap-

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pointments. Those availing themselves of this hospital-
ity are expected to (and do) reimburse sufficiently to cover
additional janitor service and lighting. By none is this
opportunity more appreciated than by the various South
End settlement workers.

GUSTAVUS TUCKERMAN,

May, 1907.

Superintendent.

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SUMMER WORK.

BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

The Church was open every week day from nine to one o'clock. Services were held each Sunday except from July 21st to September 1st, and relations were maintained with the people by parish visits and ministerial services. As the public Vacation Schools now thoroughly satisfy the demand which led to the establishment of our Summer Play-room, it was not opened this summer and the money thus saved was used to give more excursions than usual to our Sunday School children and parishioners. Three hundred free car rides were given, two hundred and seventy-five persons were provided with day excursions in thirteen parties, composed of families or friends, eighteen others had vacations of from one to four weeks, and the Unitarian Church at Waverley gave a party to thirty of the children. In spite of a scarcity of flowers, the Mutual Helpers distributed their gifts through the neighborhood, especially to the sick and shut-in.

NORTH END UNION.

During June, July and August over forty-three thousand five hundred bottles of modified milk for babies were sold. Four thousand two hundred and twenty bouquets were distributed to the sick, etc., of the neighborhood by the North End Union Branch of the Mutual Helpers. Every member of the clubs and classes at the Children's House had a chance for a day's outing, the Boston Elevated and the Newton Street Railway Company furnishing free car tickets for those who were unable to make an extended stay in the country. The Young Men's Christian Union's Country Week gave several of our mothers and children two weeks away from the city and the North End Union Camp at Bridgton, Maine, open through July and August under C. W. Atwater, gave two weeks each to seventy young men of seventeen years or older at a total cost of \$16 apiece including car-fares.

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The Children's Church and the Adult Church united during the summer. Meetings were held on Sundays both morning and evening, and in the evening on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The outdoors meetings, held four evenings each week, were well attended with satisfactory results. Four hundred and eighty-six children and needy adults had outings of a day or a week, fifty more children were cared for for two weeks by the Deaconess' Association, and the Morgan Memorial Camp at South Athol cared for ninety-nine boys, girls, and old ladies for a month, six weeks, or two months. The old ladies' partly earned their vacation by working on rugs under the shade of maples instead of in stuffy attics. It is hoped next year to provide for two hundred and fifty at this camp, as more lasting good can be done in those two months in the country than in the other ten in their homes in the slums.

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THEODORE PARKER MEMORIAL.

Through the energetic co-operation of Miss A. H. Ames in raising the sum needed to cover expenses, some sixty boys and girls received the benefit of friendly oversight and the advantages of a sheltered play-room and yard for six hours daily for ten weeks, with occasional trips to the country. Miss Scott's little house in the Reading Woods entertained comfortably, if somewhat closely, nearly two hundred children and one hundred and seventy-five adults at different times during the season. The "Mothers' Club" and others were entertained at Miss Caroline Corder's Vacation Home at Shirley, and the Boston Elevated Railroad kindly contributed, as usual, a supply of free car tickets. The Superintendent visited and ministered to many sick and deserving persons, and the usual distribution of flowers and fruit was carried on by the Boston Flower and Fruit Mission.

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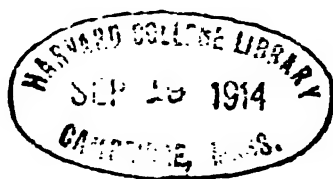
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of
dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

Executive Committee 1908-1909.

President.

REV. PAUL REVERE FROTHINGHAM.

Vice-President.

REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Room 726, No. 18 Tremont Street, Boston.

Recording Secretary,

ERNEST JACKSON.

383 Beacon Street, Boston.

REV. THOMAS VAN NESS.

COURTENAY GUILD.

FREDERIC O. NORTH.

ARTHUR W. MOORS.

MRS. CHARLES E. LINCOLN.

REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.

DR. E. PEABODY GERRY.

Sub-Committees.

Committee on Finance.

**MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM, VAN NESS, FOWLER, GUILD AND
MOORS.**

Committee on Bulfinch Place Church.

MR. VAN NESS.

Committee on North End Union.

MESSRS. MOORS AND GERRY.

Committee on Channing Church.

MESSRS. NORTH AND BROWN.

Committee on Morgan Memorial.

MR. GUILD AND MRS. LINCOLN.

Committee on Parker Memorial.

MESSRS. CUMMINGS, MOORS AND BROWN

Committee on General Work.

MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM AND GERRY.

Committee on Care and Repairs of Buildings.

MESSRS. NORTH AND FOWLER.

Committee on Poor's Purse.

MESSRS. FOWLER AND CUMMINGS.

Committee on Fruit and Flower Mission.

(Formerly the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission.)

MRS. LINCOLN.

The Executive Committee holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month, except July, August and September.

List of Delegates

OF THE

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

1908-1909.

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH.

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM.....294 Beacon Street
 COURTENAY GUILD.....26 Mount Vernon Street
 GEORGE B. DEWSON.....23 Court Street
 MRS. ROBERT G. SHAW.....151 Commonwealth Avenue
 FREDERICK A. TURNER, JR.....340 Marlborough Street

KING'S CHAPEL.

REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.....297 Beacon Street
 FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.....296 Marlborough Street
 ERNEST JACKSON.....383 Beacon Street
 J. A. L. BLAKE.....37 Beacon Street
 HERBERT LYMAN.....26 Marlborough Street

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS.....104 Irving Street Cambridge
 WILLIAM P. FOWLER.....Room 726, 18 Tremont Street
 FREDERIC H. NAZRO.....Norfolk House
 HENRY B. SAWYER.....84 State Street
 HENRY A. GORDON.....93 Water Street

FIRST CHURCH.

REV. CHARLES E. PARK.....405 Marlborough Street
 JOSEPH G. FRANCIS.....40 State Street
 ARTHUR W. MOORS.....111 Devonshire Street
 CHARLES E. LOUD.....2 Kilby Street
 DAWES E. FURNESS.....610 Sears Building

SECOND CHURCH.

REV. THOMAS VAN NESS.....1878 Beacon Street
 J. ALLEN CROSBY.....70 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain
 C. LOUIS BERTRAM.....Bates Mitchell Piano Co.
 WILLIAM R. CONOVER.....2 Chatham Row
 WILLIAM R. NORTH.....30 Court Street

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FIRST PARISH, DORCHESTER.

REV. ROGER S. FORBES.....	60 Virginia Street, Dorchester
HENRY F. HOWE.....	35 Lyndhurst Street, Dorchester
FREDERIC O. NORTH.....	57 Court Street, Boston
GEORGE B. FOX.....	6 De Wolf Street, Dorchester
N. WINTHROP ROBINSON.....	242 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester

CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES.

REV. CHARLES G. AMES.....	12 Chestnut Street
GEORGE A. SMITH.....	19 Winter Street, Dorchester
MRS. CHARLES E. LINCOLN.....	12 Cumberland Street
ALFRED JONES.....	78 Chauncy Street
HENRY P. NICKERSON.....	37 Upton Street

HAWES UNITARIAN CONGREGATION CHURCH, SOUTH BOSTON.

REV. JAMES HUXTABLE.....	568 East Fifth Street, South Boston
WALTER JENNY.....	55 G Street, South Boston
ALBERT H. WHITE.....	300 Ashmont Street, Dorchester
MISS ANN E. NEWELL.....	518 Broadway, South Boston
HENRY C. MITCHELL.....	93 N Street, South Boston

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA PLAIN.

REV. CHARLES F. DOLE.....	Roanoke Avenue, Jamaica Plain
E. PEABODY GERRY, M. D.....	2 Everett Street, Jamaica Plain
MISS ELLEN LEE.....	Alveston Street, Jamaica Plain

ALL SOULS' UNITARIAN CHURCH, ROXBURY.

REV. HENRY T. SECRIST.....	3 Abbotsford Street, Roxbury
E. W. HOWE.....	10 Wayne Street, Roxbury
MRS. E. W. HOWE.....	10 Wayne Street, Roxbury
W. A. FRENCH.....	59 Crawford Street, Roxbury
MRS. W. A. FRENCH.....	59 Crawford Street, Roxbury

FIRST PARISH, WEST ROXBURY.

REV. ERNEST S. MEREDITH.....	75 Park Street, West Roxbury
MRS. ERNEST S. MEREDITH.....	75 Park Street, West Roxbury
JOHN A. WHITTEMORE.....	Hastings Street, West Roxbury
MRS. JOHN A. WHITTEMORE.....	Hastings Street, West Roxbury
BENJAMIN H. JONES.....	87 Mount Vernon Street, West Roxbury

THIRD RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, DORCHESTER.

REV. D. ROY FREEMAN.....	1040 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
MRS. D. ROY FREEMAN.....	1040 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
DR. M. ORDWAY DALY.....	1119 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
DR. JAMES S. GREENE.....	1107 Washington Street, Dorchester Centre
SAMUEL OLIVER.....	16 River Street, Dorchester

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FIRST PARISH, BRIGHTON.

FREDERICK J. WHITE.....42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
MRS. FREDERICK J. WHITE.....42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
DR. J. HENRY WOODS.....Brighton
MRS. J. HENRY WOODS.....Brighton

The Annual Meeting of the delegates for the choice of officers is on the first Sunday in May. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

Each church belonging to the Fraternity is entitled to five delegates, who should be chosen by their respective churches annually, on or before the first Sunday in April; but failure, for two successive years, to contribute to the support of the Fraternity forfeits membership in the corporation. The contributions from the churches should be paid before the first day of May.

Report of the Executive Committee.

PRESENTED MAY 3, 1908.

Founded in 1834 and largely supported by the annual contributions of the churches which compose it, the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has for seventy-four years worked among the poor and unchurched of Boston. This work varies according to locality; at Bulfinch Place Church and Channing Church it is chiefly religious; at North End Union and Parker Memorial, social and educational; at Morgan Memorial, with the aid of the Methodists it covers almost every field of philanthropy. Moreover, the income of certain funds classed as the Poores' Purse is devoted to the relief of the aged and infirm, and this year the Fraternity has undertaken the distribution of fruit and flowers formerly conducted by the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission.

Though our invested funds have materially increased, the hard times caused a reduction of over \$780.00 in our receipts from the contributing churches, making the deficit much larger than was expected at the beginning of the year. Next year it is hoped the churches will return to their former contributions.

Everyone connected with work like ours seems impressed with the increasing difficulty in keeping it in touch with its surroundings. Either the shifting of the population removes from the neighborhood the persons for whom our activities were designed, or new undertakings prove less attractive to the district where they are established than to those dwelling at a greater distance, but still able to take advantage of them. Work which has lost its usefulness can always be abandoned, but in religious services, industrial and other classes, and lectures, we often find well attended and excellent work in districts which it does not help and which have other unsatisfied needs.

To meet just such a situation, Parker Memorial has been put under a committee appointed partly by the Fraternity and partly by the managers of Hale House, which will continue the

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more successful of the present activities and add such others as seem advisable. In this way it is hoped that we shall get a better hold on the neighborhood, as Hale House will turn over to Parker Memorial work which the neighborhood wants, but for various reasons could not get from other existing institutions. Our appropriation will be wholly applied to work done at Parker Memorial in its name, and the head of Hale House will act as Superintendent without salary.

Your attention is now called to the reports of the Treasurer and the heads of the various chapels, which follow.

ERNEST JACKSON,

Recording Secretary.

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Statement of the Treasurer.

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches
in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1, 1908:

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,461.70
Income from investments.....	12,638.36
Contributions from friends.....	145.00
Contributions from churches.....	5,022.54
Contributions from Parker Memorial.....	2,511.04
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches Fruit and Flower Mission.....	150.00

\$24,228.64

We have also received the following bequests and gifts to establish
Special Funds:

Estate of Sarah E. Potter.....	\$38,300.64
Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund (additional).....	110.74
Estate of Thomas Gaffield (additional).....	1,000.00
Estate of John C. Haynes.....	5,000.00

\$44,420.38

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$8,190.43	
City of Boston, 1907 taxes.....	298.92	
	\$8,489.35	\$8,489.35
Rents received.....	\$1,721.70	
Home income.....	2,486.04	
Lend a Hand Dramatic Club of West Newton	25.00	4,232.74
Net expense.....		\$4,256.61

North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,464.47	\$4,464.47
Rents received.....	700.00	
Net expense.....		\$3,764.47

Amount carried forward..... **\$12,953.82**

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Amount brought forward.....\$12,953.82

Channing Church.

Expenses \$1,069.50

Morgan Memorial.

Expenses (including rentals turned over)..... \$3,540.00 3,540.00
Rents received..... 1,040.00

Net expense..... \$2,500.00

Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses \$5,320.00 5,320.00
Home Contribution..... 300.00

Net expense..... \$5,020.00

Administrative expenses..... 742.35
Care and Repairs of Buildings..... 1,012.14
Insurance 714.44

Sundries.

Printing Annual Report..... \$85.00
Examination of Treasurer's books..... 25.00
Five copies Directory of Associate Charities and
advertisement in same..... 17.50 127.50

Expenditures \$26,379.75
Income \$26,379.75
24,228.64

Deficit \$2,151.11
Net gain on securities sold..... 110.00

Actual deficit..... \$2,041.11

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions.

Arlington Street Church..... \$1,926.15
King's Chapel..... 1,378.00
South Congregational Church..... 800.00
First Church in Boston..... 310.00
Second Church in Boston..... 300.00
First Parish, Dorchester..... 125.00
Church of the Disciples..... 75.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church..... 32.39
First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain..... 25.00
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury..... 20.00
First Parish, West Roxbury..... 15.00
Third Religious Society, Dorchester..... 11.00
First Parish, Brighton..... 5.00
\$5,022.54 \$5,022.54

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For Parker Memorial.

Lend a Hand Dramatic Club, West Newton.....	\$25.00	
Home Income.....	2,486.04	
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	\$2,511.04	\$2,511.04

For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution.....	\$300.00
For the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches Fruit and Flower Mission	150.00

Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross.....	100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge.....	25.00	
W. H. P. Robbins.....	20.00	
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	\$145.00	\$145.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1, 1908, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE, *Auditor.*

Special Funds, bearing the following names, have from time to time been presented by individuals or corporations to the Fraternity and have been separately invested and their income used in strict accord with the conditions attached by the donors:

The Cyrus A. Bartol Fund.	The Charles Merriam Fund.
From Brattle Square Church:—	The New South Church Fund.
The Charity Fund.	The Sarah E. Potter Fund.
The Mary Russell Dexter Fund.	The Samuel E. Sawyer Fund.
The Parsonage Fund.	The Benjamin Sweetser Fund.
The Harriet Louisa Brown Fund.	The Quincy Tufts Fund.
The Church of the Unity Fund.	The Ann White Vose Fund.
The Martha Clapp Fund.	The Robert C. Waterston Fund.
The John H. Eastburn Fund.	From the West Boston Society:—
The Helen L. Edmands Fund.	The Aged Poor Fund.
The Charles Faulkner Fund.	The Derby Fund.
The Charlotte E. Fellows Fund.	The Catherine H. Wild Fund.
The Thomas Gaffield Fund.	The Jeannie Winkley Fund.
The John C. Haynes Fund.	The Permanent Fund Subscription.
The Henry P. Kidder Fund.	The Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund.



THE CHURCH PORCH.

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, *Minister.*

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, *Assistants.*

Taking it all in all, we may say that the year has been a successful one. The Sunday School has held its own, having a membership of one hundred and eighty-five. The church attendance does not increase, showing on the contrary a slight falling off from year to year. It is extremely difficult to fill the places of those whom we lose by removal or death. It is not a church-going age, and our neighborhood does not bring us many new recruits, so far as the church itself is concerned. This is the discouraging side of our work.

On the other hand, the changes come slowly, and we have a large number of thoroughly loyal people remaining, not to speak of the still larger number who are attached to us, more or less closely, by our various societies and clubs. Counting all such, we reach regularly about five hundred and seventy persons.

As indications of loyalty and successful effort, we may mention the following facts: A Fair held by our Women's Alliance, realizing \$475, of which \$242 were given for a new hardwood floor in the church and \$100 for coal; contributions by the Sunday School for the Children's Mission amounting to \$64; contributions for the Chelsea sufferers by our Lend-a-Hand Clubs, \$27, and by our congregation, \$57; one hundred new chairs for the Sunday School room, purchased with money saved during two years from Benevolent Fraternity appropriation; a room furnished by the Eliot Circle for the Matron's own use at the colored school, Maysville, N. C., costing \$57, in addition to gifts of bedding, pictures, etc; Thanksgiving, Christmas, Lend-a-Hand, and other charitable work carried

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on with increased vigor; two courses of lectures, well attended, fourteen in all; numerous summer vacations and outings; a Temperance Union with seventy-five members; a Sunday School supper, two church suppers, Old Ladies' Party, Harvest and May Festivals, club socials and entertainments, etc., etc; the publication of "Our Work," costing about \$100, paid by the different societies represented and subscriptions from the associate members of the Winkley Guild, now numbering over one hundred.

We refer to the above items merely to show that there has been no falling off in general or special activities.

Every year we try to emphasize more firmly our neighborhood work, and yet find that we cannot limit the "neighborhood." For example, the Saturday classes (conducted by the Sphinx Club) have grown very considerably, but almost altogether from the suburbs. With a membership of one hundred and six children, only eleven come from the neighborhood, while there are forty-three from Revere, thirteen from Cambridge, seven from Roslindale, and so on. Again, the stereopticon lectures, with large audiences, attract many people from a distance. This condition of things is due largely to the fact that there are fewer such opportunities in the suburbs and that we are making no special effort to attract the foreign population.

However, we are reaching the neighborhood in other ways. Our gymnasium has been open on two evenings a week to the young men of the West End House (Jews), and has had an average attendance of fourteen. Mr. Freiman, the Superintendent, expressed great satisfaction with the influence this training has had, not only over those who have attended, but indirectly by awakening an interest in athletics among his younger boys. A club of fifteen little girls, almost all from the West End, meets every Tuesday afternoon. The Eliot Circle includes many West End Women among its one hundred and fifty members, and by its meeting and entertainments reached many more. Miss Stokes continues to visit chiefly (and Miss Jones to a large extent) in this part of the city, and the Summer Flower Mission work centres there. A new society has been organized recently, the Bulfinch Place Church Temperance Union, and its threefold object includes good citizenship

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and neighborhood improvement, as well as temperance. Separate committees exists for these objects. Into the West End are crowded an unreasonable number of saloons and a correspondingly wretched social condition prevails in certain sections. The streets and alleys are shockingly dirty, many miserable tenements exist, street gambling among boys and drunkenness among men and women are common, there is much poverty, and other social evils are in daily evidence. Whether the churches can do anything to better such conditions is one of the questions for our Union to consider. One public meeting has been held on April 23, to which our neighboring churches were invited. Addresses were made by Rev. Samuel H. Davis of the Anti-Saloon League and by our near neighbors, Rev. Father Field of St. John's in Bowdoin Street and Rev. Fred. B. Fisher of the Methodist Church in Temple St. As a result of the meeting a joint committee representing five churches was appointed to consider the problem in all its phases. Our own Union would like to establish a model Coffee House, with attractive reading room, pool room, baths and a counter for the sale of well-cooked foods. We also keep in mind the model home for boys and young men. There are great opportunities close at hand for neighborhood improvement and good citizenship work, but to do such things will requires a liberal supply of money, and they must be done well to succeed at all.

One of the most interesting and significant events of the past year was the erection of a bronze tablet in memory of Miss Frances Sarah Merrill, for so many years the "Chapel Mother" at Bulfinch Place. It is now ten years since she was taken from us, but that her devoted service is still held in loving remembrance and her influence deeply felt may be known from the eager response to the suggestion that such a tablet be erected. Nearly double the required amount of money was given, and it is now proposed to use the remainder for a tablet commemorating the founding of Howard Sunday School.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT,

Minister.

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The North End Union.

20 Parmenter Street.

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street.

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The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches began its work at the North End in the fall of 1854 in the upper hall of the old Hancock School Building, now Police Station No. 1.

Rev. Mr. Gerry, lovingly called "Father Gerry," succeeded Rev. Mr. Scandlin in 1858 and continued to minister to the material and spiritual needs of this community for twenty-five years.



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After two removals the Fraternity bought St. Mark's Chapel on Parmenter Street, in 1884, expended \$5,000 in improvements, and renamed it the "Parmenter Street Chapel."

The exodus of the old families from the North End began seventy years ago, and the population ever since has been a moving procession. In view of the great influx of foreign elements, each having a religious faith of its own, the Fraternity was confronted by two questions—whether to give up the work entirely and retire from the field, or to reconstruct the work to meet existing conditions. To Rev. Stopford W. Brooke, then pastor of the First Church, is due the initiative which resulted in the North End Union in January, 1892. A layman, Samuel F. Hubbard, was elected Superintendent, who has continued as such to the present time.

The nature of the work now being done by the North End Union can best be shown by naming its various activities.

GYMNASIUM—

Senior Class, young men, two evenings.

Junior Class, boys, one evening.

Young women, one evening.

CLUBS—

Eleven clubs of boys and young men.

Eight clubs of girls and young women.

One club, mixed, young men and women.

Total membership, 230; meet one evening a week. Each club is organized, having a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Supervisor.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES—

1. For school girls, two afternoons.

2. For school girls, two afternoons.

Working girls (two separate groups), two evenings.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS—

Average attendance, 100; four supervisors, one instructor and twenty-five teachers.

TRADE CLASSES—

Plumbing School, two evenings for shop-work, one evening

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for lectures on plumbing. Practical plumbers as supervisors and one instructor. Limited to young men in the trade. School of Printing under direction of master printers of Boston; twelve months course, nine hours daily, from 7.40 to 5.45. Pupils apprenticed to employers while in the school. Attendance in the school made a part of the apprenticeship agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS—

Ten illustrated lectures during the season.
Monthly dancing social for members and lady friends.
Play room, five afternoons a week.
Modified milk for babies, every morning.
Stamp Savings, twice a week.
Public baths daily.
Afternoon Mending Class, for school girls.
Dental Clinic, in charge of registered dentists; one day a week, nominal charge for cleaning, filling or extracting.
Sunday School from November to May.
Flower Work (branch of Mutual Helpers), twice a week during July and August; distributes flowers to sick and shut-in.
Basket-ball team.
Base-ball nine.
Reading Room and Library, every evening during the season.
Game Room, every evening except Sunday.

CLUBS.

All our clubs are small groups, seldom more than fifteen, under the direction of their own elected officers. The club supervisor, without whom no club is formed, is simply the big brother or sister, and acts in a general advisory way.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES.

The aim in the dressmaking classes is not only to give thorough and systematic instruction in the cutting and making of clothes, but to provide opportunity for those to whom the cost of suitable wearing apparel is a serious item. To facilitate the making of garments, a machine stitcher is provided, and, if

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desired, material is bought, repayment for same being in small installments.

CALL STATION.

The Boston Dispensary has its North End call station at the Union, and the District Nurse makes it her headquarters, also the depot for her supplies.

DENTAL CLINIC.

A Dental Clinic, under the auspices of Tufts Dental College, has been established whereby dental service is provided one day in the week, and is in charge of a corps of registered dentists. A normal charge is made.

Through the cordial co-operation of the teachers of the Hancock School appointments are made.

MODIFIED MILK.

The Union is one of the stations for the distribution of modified milk for babies, prepared by D. Whiting and Sons.

The source of supply, the formula and method of modification are approved by a group of doctors after personal inspection.

This service of distributing modified milk is under the general supervision and direction of an Association of which the above doctors are members.

PLAY ROOM.

The play room aims not only to provide in-door opportunity during the winter months for free play, but to relieve working mothers of the necessary care of their children for a time.

TRADE SCHOOLS.

The Schools of Plumbing and Printing are distinctively trade schools, and are directly identified with the trades.

No one is admitted into the Plumbing School unless he is at work at that business, and it is required that his application for admission to the school shall be signed by his employer. Fee for fifty shop lessons is \$10, Monday and Wednesday evenings. Diplomas given to those who satisfactorily complete the course, which takes variously from one to three years, depending on the individual.

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The Printing School has a twelve months' course, nine hours daily. Pupils must be at least sixteen years old, and before admission must have agreed to be apprenticed to some employing printer, after three months' trial in the school to determine fitness. The one year in the school counts as one of the four years of apprenticeship. Employing printers of Boston have general charge and supervision of the School. The tuition is \$100 for the year.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

Channing Church.

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

REV. FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT, *Minister.*

In general it may be said that the work at Channing Church during the past year has shown gratifying results. The problem here is to make this a neighborhood church which shall not only be ready to serve all within reach who may need its offices, but which shall also gather the many unchurched of this vicinity into its social and religious life. That we are doing this to a larger degree than last year, the substantial growth of this society is evidence. Progress may be noted in every department and phase of our work; in the increased attendance at public worship and in the general activities of the church, in our larger financial resources, in the closer spirit of fellowship and the maintenance of harmony. It must be borne in mind, of course, that the shifting character of the population in this neighborhood militates against the stability of the society and makes it necessary constantly to enlist new recruits in our work. Channing Church can hardly hope to be self-supporting, yet there is marked evidence that it is coming to a larger self-consciousness.

THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This church has been open for the regular Sunday morning service of worship and Sunday School session throughout the year, except during the months of July and August, when the congregation united with the First Parish at Meeting House Hill. Monthly evening services on the second Sunday of the month have been held as usual since November.

Perhaps the largest and most significant sign of growth is to be noted in the increased attendance at the regular Sunday morning services. The congregations in general have varied from 50 to 80, the average since mid-winter being 70. The actual increase over last year's attendance, it is good to note,

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is twenty-seven per cent. Mention should also be made of our Easter Sunday congregation, which numbered 140.

Since October the morning worship has been greatly enriched by the services of a quartette. Formerly we have had only soloists. This is the first time that Channing Church has ever attempted to maintain a paid quartette, and although the cost is much in excess of our present subscription income and the deficit has had to be made up in other ways, the Parish Committee have thought it worth while to make the trial this year. It has proved successful.

The Sunday School has now a total enrolment of 104, a gain of 19 over last year's membership. The Kindergarten class has been increased to 36 and a pastor's class of young people has been added. The attendance at the weekly session of the school has been about 70.

CLUBS.

The Women's Alliance, composed of 31 members, has, as usual, been very active in the support of the church. It managed the Parish Fair last December and a sale this spring, gave a parish supper last fall and two parish socials during the course of the year. Members have assisted the minister in visiting the sick and new families. The Alliance has held fifteen meetings during the year, with an average attendance of fifteen.

The Channing Guild, a young people's religious union, has completed its second year, with a membership increased to twenty. Meetings have been held twice a month, the topic of study being "The Great Religions of the World." In March a play was presented by the members in the Sunday School room, the proceeds of which were given to the church.

The Channing Juvenile Club, composed of young girls, gave an entertainment in February for the benefit of the church, which was largely attended. On this occasion a stereopticon lecture on "The Holy Land in the Time of Christ" was given by Rev. Robert F. Leavens of Boston, and was listened to with marked attention.

The Junior Social Club, composed of boys and girls under 16 years of age, was organized a year ago. It has served to bring about a better social acquaintance among the younger

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people. Two plays were presented last November, half the profits going to the church treasury.

The gymnasium has been well used this year, basket-ball being the chief attraction. Classes have met weekly during the winter, under the instructorship of two of the young men from the parish. A first and a second team of boys were organized and twelve games were played with clubs from neighboring churches and schools.

THE PARISH.

During the year the parish has suffered not a little by the withdrawal of several of its members from this neighborhood, so that although twenty-three new families have been added to the parish list, the total is only increased to 109 families, as against 103 last year. It may be said, however, that a large number of parish members have come into closer relations with the church and are more regular in their attendance at its services of worship. Thirteen new covenant signers were admitted to the fellowship of this church at the Easter service.

The annual meeting of the parish was held on April 28. The Treasurer's report is a fair index of the increased strength of the society. During the year the sum of \$760.69, as against \$555.75 last year, was raised to meet the current expenses not covered by the Fraternity appropriation. Of this, \$487.61 came from subscriptions and collections, and the remainder from entertainments, sales and donations. The year's expenses amounted to \$662.45, the music at the Sunday services being the largest item. The weekly envelope system is used. At the beginning of the church year there were 37 subscribers. During the winter this number was increased to 65, the largest subscription list the church has ever had. The total subscription, however, was very small, amounting to only \$6.90 a week, but this large list is indicative of the wholesome condition of the society. Already 62 pledges have been renewed for next year.

Last year's officers were re-elected, with the exception of the financial secretary, who has moved away: George C. Irwin, President; William C. Keim, Treasurer; Everett E. Pritchett, Financial Secretary; Alfred W. Bohm, Clerk.

All these facts and figures, of course, are only indicative of

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outward growth. It is impossible to speak adequately of what, after all, is the whole purpose of this church, the bringing of the Kingdom of God into the lives of the men and women and children of this community. But the increased loyalty to Channing Church and the growing spirit of service and worshipfulness among its members are good vouchers of the work we are trying to do.

FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT,

Minister.

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The year closing has been one of marked improvement.

Much friction was removed last fall by the opening of the children's house, No. 7 Osborn Place. In the new place home lessons could be learned, and clubs, classes, socials, etc., held without disturbing the religious and educational organization that were occupying the main building. The children have appreciated the removal of restraint and the saints have grown in piety and understanding. The bright, beautiful, clean rooms of the children's house have had their civilizing effect on the children and made it easy to insist on clean hands and faces and good deportment. The thanks of saint and sinner go out toward the generous friend who made the children's house possible. All of the many activities for the children have been maintained during the year, and there has been a gratifying improvement in the quality of the work.

The temperance work of Morgan Memorial has never been prosecuted more efficiently than the past year. We are glad to record this, notwithstanding the crushing blow this work received in the death of our two temperance missionaries within two weeks of each other last December. William Smith and Dana Egan, our fallen comrades, had by their tireless activity built up our temperance work to the splendid character it now sustains. Many a home is now happy and many a slave of drink is now a free man because of the self-sacrificing labor of these reformed men.

The hard times are straining our Industrial Relief Work to the point of agony. The closing of the mills outside has caused many enterprising people to rush to the city with the hope of finding work. Those who find work displace some incompetent or unsatisfactory employee. Those who do not find work are soon stranded. The result is that our Employment Bureau is crowded to suffocation and our capacity for providing temporary self-supporting employment to the "down-and-outs" is utterly inadequate. During 1907 we gave work and relief to one thousand two hundred and nineteen different persons—chiefly families. These destitute people earned and received \$10,928.48 in wages for the rugs, gar-

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ments, etc., they made and repaired. It has taken the closest care to make ends meet. As I write there is little or no abatement in the demands this industrial crisis is making upon us. What shall we do? Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores, Inc., as its name indicates, has stood for co-operation against industrial anarchy on the part of either capital or labor. You must realize that we are dealing with inflammable material. Thus far we have done much—very much—to allay sentiments that might cause great mischief. We want to acknowledge the timely gifts we have received from the Tuckerman Circle, the Women's Auxiliary and other organizations, and also from private individuals, for the relief work. Without these gifts we could not have survived the winter. It behooves those who sympathize with the suffering poor and those who are anxious to maintain social stability to render to the Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores at this time all the help possible by kindly thoughts and words and deeds.

The School of Applied Christianity has had a total enrolment of one hundred and twenty-four. Its membership has been made up largely from young people of outside churches. These come to study with the foremost lecturers the problem of religion in its relation to the work of charity and reform.

We are glad to note a continuous improvement in the general moral character of our neighborhood. Our real estate bureau has never been more alert in displacing undesirable residents with better people. We are working untiringly for more sanitary conditions. Much work lies before us to secure the demolition of certain houses and the creation of proper playgrounds and breathing places.

It is a pleasure to record that every vote of the Joint Committee of Morgan Memorial has been unanimous. There has been the greatest sympathy and cordial co-operation on the part of Unitarians and Methodists, and the circle of our friends and supporters is gradually reaching into other denominations.

With gratitude to all who have contributed by word or deed, we are,

Gratefully yours,

E. J. HELMS, *Minister.*

Parker Memorial.

11 Appleton Street.

Joint Committee appointed by the Fraternity and Hale House:
HENRY B. SAWYER, *Chairman.* REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.
REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS. ARTHUR W. MOORS.
REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM, ROBERT A. WOODS.
HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN, *Secretary.*

HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN, *Superintendent.*
MISS KATE B. LITTLEFIELD and PAUL E. ILLMAN, *Assistants.*

The work for the coming year has been carefully outlined in committee, and a definite programme agreed upon. This provides for the regular use of the entire equipment, from the rooms in the top story to those in the basement. The aim throughout will be to serve the larger needs of the South End, and this can be done to the best advantage by the fullest co-operation with many other active social agencies. Already the headquarters of the South End Social Union, a strong federation of neighborhood workers, have been established at Parker Memorial, and the desk of the Secretary is in our office. We have also made arrangements for a more extended use of our halls by the South End Improvement Society, and on a part of each school day they are used by Miss Lucretia Wheelock in her work of training kindergarteners. The new coffee and rest rooms provided for the young men of the Franklin Union, next door, should open ways of helpful interchange.

Perhaps the most interesting of the new features is the opening of the large hall to the English Course of the Lowell Institute Lectures, with its seven hundred members, who take careful notes at each lecture and study text-books during the week. Plans are being perfected for important work in Civics for young men.

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The industrial classes will be conducted with especial reference to the local needs and interests of the neighborhood, and new classes introduced for children and young people living nearby. Public meetings, lectures, concerts, musicals and social occasions will also be used to increase our acquaintance with the residents of the South End.

HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN,
Superintendent.

The following is the Annual Report of the retiring superintendent, Rev. Gustavus Tuckerman, presented at the annual meeting of the delegates, May 3, 1908:

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Certain departments of the work present very gratifying results—notably the educational and industrial classes. Photography and embroidery were added to the list of subjects offered last year. The class in embroidery was subsequently discontinued because of insufficient attendance. Over five hundred registrations have yielded an income of nearly \$1,000. After paying teachers' salaries, advertising, etc., this leaves a net profits of \$120 or thereabouts. This marked increase is accounted for in part by the substitution of three terms for two, as heretofore—thus making the work practically continuous throughout the season and affording results surpassing any previous record.

The Home Club has ministered to an increasing number of children and has been instrumental in relieving the dire distress of some of our adult neighbors. Daily average attendance about 35 children. It is not and was never expected to be a financial success. Its utility can adequately be measured only in terms of humanity. Classes in cooking, sewing and wood-working are conducted for the Home Club children and others.

The Sunday Morning Kindergarten has had a promising beginning. The Mothers' Class, in spite of the admirable work and winning personality of Mrs. C. T. Guild, failed to acquire hoped for proportions. Virtually the same thing may be said

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of the People's Singing Class, which has met in the large hall Sunday afternoon.

The use of the halls and other rooms has been granted, usual, to a large, an increased number of clubs and institutions for special and regular meetings. Most of the recipients of these privileges willingly pay in enough to cover additional expenses incident to this occupancy. There seems to be no good reason why all should not do this.

Several large social gatherings of South End residents have been held. The South End Improvement Society proposes to have a large banquet here in May with the Mayor and other dignitaries as guests.

My ministerial acts during the past year were as follows: The administration of infant baptism once, the solemnization of two marriages, one commemoration of the Lord's Supper and five burials. I addressed the Woman's Alliance in six places, supplied the pulpit in ten churches, in every case but one gratuitously. Beginning October 20th "religious services" were held here every Sunday but two, on one of these there was an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land, on the other a mass meeting. In the conduct of these Sunday evening meetings the single purpose was to make this memorial to Theodore Parker stand for the fellowship of the common life—to provide a meeting place for those who take life with some degree of seriousness and wish to serve their kind—to sound here the password primeval—to lift up the sign of democracy—to practice as well as preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

GUSTAVUS TUCKERMAN,

Superintendent and Minister.

Some of the refugees from the Chelsea fire were temporarily housed at Parker Memorial until other provision was made for them.

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The Fruit and Flower Mission.

Under the Direction of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln.

On Tuesday, May 12th, the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission opened its thirty-ninth season under the auspices of the Benevolent Fraternity, which assumed its direction; the work carrying with it the good will and continued interest of its first and only president, Miss Helen W. Tinkham, who founded it in 1869, and of those who have served upon its committees during the many years of its existence.

The flowers were distributed on Tuesdays at Parker Memorial and on Fridays at Bulfinch Place Church, thus reaching both the South and West Ends. Contributions came in during the entire summer in generous quantities from all quarters, from towns, small and large, and from the large suburban and country estates. Wellesley, Milton, Dorchester, Egypt, Hingham, Brookline, Jamaica Plain, Beverly Farms, West Manchester, Swampscott and Marblehead contributed fruit, flowers and vegetables from private gardens. The First Parish Church at Meeting House Hill and Channing Church contributed nearly three thousand bouquets, and the Altrurian Club of Shirley, the Medford Union, the Service Club of the West Newton Unitarian Church, the King's Daughters of Abington, the Unitarian Church of Reading, the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Melrose, the Chestnut Hill Union, the Women's Guild of Newtonville, the Young People's Religious Union of Leominster, the parishes of Arlington, the Weston and Wayland Unions, the Dedham Unitarian Church, the Northboro Union, the Neighborhood House of Jamaica Plain, and many others co-operated by sending flowers, fruits and vegetables in quantities throughout the summer.

Among the places where flowers were distributed were Berkeley Infirmary, Eye and Ear Infirmary, District Nursing Association, Seaman's Friend, Associated Charities, South

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End Day Nursery, Elizabeth Peabody House, Roxbury Neighborhood House, Robert Gould Shaw House, Ruggles Street Neighborhood House, Emmanuel House, Hawthorne Club, Morgan Memorial, Tremont Street branch of the Public Library, Charlesbank, Columbus Avenue and North End Playgrounds, East Boston (through the Unitarian Church), Plymouth Hospital and the Temporary Home for Children.

Three contributors made possible the distribution of ninety-five dozen fresh eggs and fine fruits; and broths for the sick, mint and salad greens, berries and grape juice were of great benefit in many private cases.

The work was under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln of the Benevolent Fraternity, with Miss Mildred M. Dunbar of Canton in charge. Among the regular volunteer assistants during the season were Miss Harris of Arlington, Miss Mitchell of Hingham, Miss Jordan of Brookline, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Remick, the Misses Reed, Kennedy, Wetherell, Fisher and Newhall of Boston.

The committee feels most grateful for the co-operation of all who have helped, and hopes for continued interest another year. If at Thanksgiving time individuals or societies wish to contribute jellies or preserves and will send them by express to Parker Memorial marked "Flower Mission," the committee will be glad to distribute such delicacies judiciously.

The expenses of the work have been met entirely by outside subscriptions without using any of the Fraternity's funds.



MORGAN MEMORIAL SUMMER CAMP, SOUTH ATHOL, MASS.

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Summer Work.

On the four alternate Sundays of July and August services were held in the Old South Meeting House on Washington Street under the auspices of the Fraternity and the Unitarian Association. The preachers were Rev. Charles Ferguson, of Kansas City, Rev. U. G. B. Pierce of Washington, D. C., Rev. Edward Everett Hale of Boston and Rev. Thomas R. Slicer of New York, and the meetings were so well attended and successful in other respects as to commend the undertaking for another season.

The Rev. W. Lathrop Meaker, a Unitarian minister who was conducting open air services on the Common and elsewhere during the summer, made Parker Memorial his headquarters and conducted Sunday evening services there. The colored Free Masons also used the building for three days in September during the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the founding of their first lodge.

Though closed on Sundays from July 19th to September 6th, Bulfinch Place Church was open every week day and the workers were constantly busy in various ways. For four months on Tuesdays and Thursdays flowers from the Mutual Helpers' Flower Mission were distributed, on Fridays the Fraternity's Mission made its headquarters there, and after its close in September the First Parish Dorchester continued large contributions, while the Wollaston Guild sent flowers weekly. Miss Jones and Miss Stokes took in all some two hundred and fifteen men, women and children on excursions in parties of from five to twenty; about four hundred car and steamboat tickets were distributed, and twenty-eight persons were sent on longer vacations. The cost of all these outings was fully \$300. The work this entailed, though considerable, did not prevent constant visiting and receiving calls, special cases of charitable service, quite outside of the regular parish, also took a good deal of time.

During July and August the North End Union supplied more than twenty-seven thousand bottles of modified milk for one hundred and forty babies, and the resident worker made numerous calls on the mothers. The Mutual Helpers distributed nearly four thousand three hundred bouquets through its North End Union branch, the Public Baths were open daily, and the Printing School took only a two weeks' vacation. Heartly and appreciative thanks are due to the Newton Street Railroad and the Boston Elevated for providing the means for nine picnics by which three hundred and sixty women and children

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received a day's outing, and also to the friend who gave a day in the country to fifty-four young women members of the Union's church.

Besides its morning and evening Sunday services, Morgan Memorial maintained temperance and religious meetings, preceded by outdoor rallies, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings, all well attended. Every loom in the Co-operative Industries has been busy with orders, and there were as many applicants for relief as there often are in the hard winter months. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church maintained a Vacation Bible School for children here with an average attendance of over one hundred, where the children also learnt religious and patriotic songs, wholesome games, and the making of hammocks, baskets, etc. The fresh air work at South Athol was very successful: one hundred and twenty-four babies, children, and elderly people stayed there, most of them eight weeks, and had "the time of their life," learning hundreds of beautiful and useful things and receiving the impression of what a wholesome normal life it was. Next year it is hoped to establish some of the finer arts and industries there and to keep the Farm Colony open all the year, to all who have contributed by advice, service, or money, Morgan Memorial is truly grateful.

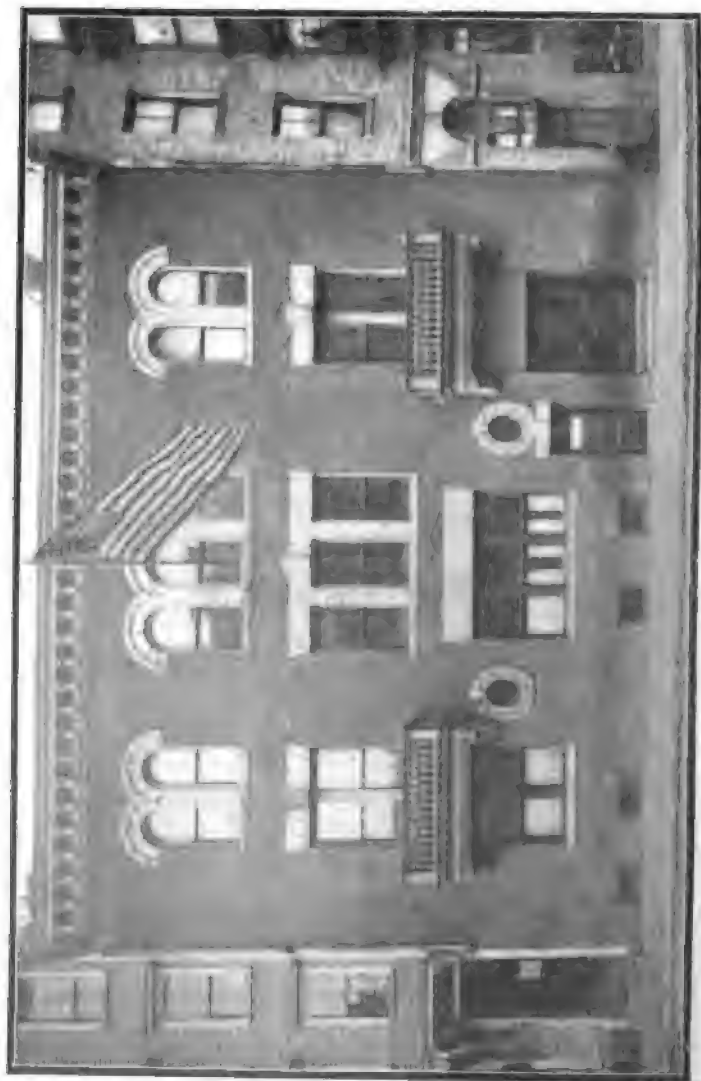
Though Channing School was closed, its congregation joined in contributions to the Fruit and Flower Mission from the First Parish, Dorchester, with which it joined for the summer months.

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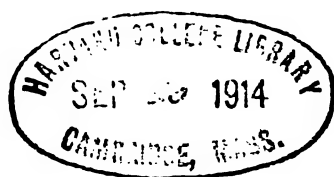
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternal
Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established
by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of
dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance
of our work.

Executive Committee 1909-1910.

President

REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS

Vice-President

COURTENAY GUILD

Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Room 726, No. 18 Tremont Street, Boston.

Recording Secretary

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ARTHUR W. MOORS

DELANO WIGHT

Sub-Committees.

Committee on Finance

MESSRS. CUMMINGS, FROTHINGHAM, FOWLER, GUILD
AND MOORS.

Committee on Bulfinch Place Church

MESSRS. MOORS, GERRY AND WIGHT.

Committee on North End Union

MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM, GUILD AND WIGHT.

Committee on Channing Church

MESSRS. NORTH AND VAN NESS.

Committee on Morgan Memorial

MR. GUILD, MRS. LINCOLN AND DR. GERRY.

Committee on Parker Memorial

MESSRS. BROWN, MOORS AND FROTHINGHAM.

Committee on General Work

MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM AND MOORS.

Committee on Care and Repairs of Buildings

MESSRS. NORTH AND FOWLER.

Committee on Poor's Purse

MESSRS. FOWLER AND CUMMINGS.

Committee on Fruit and Flower Mission

MRS. LINCOLN AND MR. FOWLER.

The Executive Committee holds its regular meetings on the second
Thursday of each month, except July, August and September.

List of Delegates

OF THE

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON..

1909-1910

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH.

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM.....294 Beacon Street
 COURTENAY GUILD.....26 Mount Vernon Street
 GEORGE B. DEWSON.....23 Court Street
 MRS. ROBERT G. SHAW.....151 Commonwealth Avenue
 FREDERICK A. TURNER, JR.....340 Marlborough Street

KING'S CHAPEL.

REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.....297 Beacon Street
 FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.....296 Marlborough Street
 ERNEST JACKSON.....383 Beacon Street
 J. A. L. BLAKE.....37 Beacon Street
 HERBERT LYMAN.....26 Marlborough Street

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS.....104 Irving Street, Cambridge
 WILLIAM P. FOWLER.....Room 726, 18 Tremont Street
 FREDERIC H. NAZRO.....Riverbank Court, Cambridge
 HENRY B. SAWYER.....84 State Street

FIRST CHURCH.

REV. CHARLES E. PARK.....405 Marlborough Street
 JOSEPH G. FRANCIS.....40 State Street
 ARTHUR W. MOORS.....111 Devonshire Street
 DAWES E. FURNESS.....610 Sears Building
 DELANO WIGHT.....342 Tremont Building

SECOND CHURCH.

REV. THOMAS VAN NESS.....3 Garrison Road, Brookline
 J. ALLEN CROSBY.....70 Boylston Street, Jamaica Plain
 C. LOUIS BERTRAM.....4 Draper Street, Dorchester
 WILLIAM R. CONOVER.....2 Chatham Row
 WILLIAM R. NORTH.....87 Court Street

FIRST PARISH, DORCHESTER.

REV. ROGER S. FORBES.....60 Virginia Street, Dorchester
 HENRY F. HOWE.....35 Lyndhurst Street, Dorchester
 FREDERIC O. NORTH.....57 Court Street, Boston
 GEORGE B. FOX.....6 De Wolf Street, Dorchester
 N. WINTHROP ROBINSON....242 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester

CHURCH OF THE DISCIPLES.

REV. CHARLES G. AMES.....12 Chestnut Street
 GEORGE A. SMITH.....19 Winter Street, Dorchester
 MRS. CHARLES E. LINCOLN.....12 Cumberland Street
 ALFRED JONES...The Wadsworth, Kenmore and Newbury Streets
 HENRY P. NICKERSON.....37 Upton Street

HAWES' UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SOUTH BOSTON.

REV. JAMES HUXTABLE....568 East Fifth Street, South Boston
 MISS ANN E. NEWELL.....518 Broadway, South Boston
 HENRY C. MITCHELL.....93 N Street, South Boston
 MRS. A. D. MANSON.....536 East Fourth Street, South Boston
 F. L. KELLY, JR.....813 East Broadway, South Boston

ALL SOULS' UNITARIAN CHURCH, ROXBURY.

REV. HENRY T. SECRIST.....3 Abbotsford Street, Roxbury
 W. A. FRENCH.....59 Crawford Street, Roxbury
 MRS. W. A. FRENCH.....59 Crawford Street, Roxbury

FIRST PARISH, WEST ROXBURY.

REV. ERNEST S. MEREDITH....75 Park Street, West Roxbury
 MRS. ERNEST S. MEREDITH....75 Park Street, West Roxbury
 JOHN A. WHITTEMORE.....Hastings Street, West Roxbury
 MRS. JOHN A. WHITTEMORE...Hastings Street, West Roxbury
 BENJAMIN H. JONES....87 Mount Vernon Street, West Roxbury

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA PLAIN.

REV. CHARLES F. DOLE.....Roanoke Avenue, Jamaica Plain
 E. PEABODY GERRY, M. D.....2 Everett Street, Jamaica Plain
 MISS ELLEN LEE.....Alveston Street, Jamaica Plain

THIRD RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, DORCHESTER.

REV. D. ROY FREEMAN.....304 Eliot Street, Milton
 DR. M. ORDWAY DALY...1119 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
 MRS. M. ORDWAY DALY...1119 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
 CHARLES E. CHURCHILL.....Churchill's Lane, Milton
 MISS MARGARET EMERSON.....Eliot Street, Milton

FIRST PARISH, BRIGHTON.

REV. PALFREY PERKINS.....	18 Brown Street, Salem
FREDERICK J. WHITE.....	42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
MRS. FREDERICK J. WHITE....	42 Englewood Avenue, Brookline
DR. J. HENRY WOODS.....	Brighton
MRS. J. HENRY WOODS.....	Brighton

The Annual Meeting of the delegates for the choice of officers is on the first Sunday in May. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

Each church belonging to the Fraternity is entitled to five delegates, who should be chosen by their respective churches annually, on or before the first Sunday in April, but failure, for two successive years, to contribute to the support of the Fraternity forfeits membership in the corporation. The contributions from the churches should be paid before the first day of May.

Report of the Executive Committee 1908-1909.

Seventy-five years ago the management of the First Church and Sunday School with other work was transferred from the Unitarian Association to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, which was founded for the purpose. Though the form of its organization is still practically the same, only three of the original nine churches—the Second Church, Federal Street (now Arlington Street) Church and Chapel—are members of the Corporation today; the First Church, North, Brattle Street, the New South, Purchase Street, the Third, Street and Twelfth Congregational, in the older parts of the city, have passed out of existence, and many of the other thirteen are in what were then the neighboring towns of Dorchester, Roxbury, Brighton, etc. They had three members-at-large—Tuckerman, Barnard and Gray—and one minister, Mr. Bacon; we have now five institutions, each with a minister or superintendent, employing ten principal and many subordinate assistants and volunteer workers. Their receipts, almost wholly from the churches, were \$20,000, less than Arlington Street Church's contribution to the Corporation's expenses \$1,979.88, little more than we spent on the First Church, our least expensive chapel; and, in spite of the small funds which they lacked and an increase of about \$100,000 in average contribution from each church, we find it possible to meet the demands of the work.

The reports of the Treasurer and the chapels, which will be published, will show how well the Fraternity has kept pace, in a variety and quality of its work, with the change of the city from a New England city to its present cosmopolitan population.

ERNEST JACKSON,
Recording Secretary

Statement of the Treasurer.

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches
in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1, 1909:

INCOME.

Rents	\$3,037.05
Income from investments	12,420.40
Contributions from friends.....	160.00
Contributions from churches	5,482.06
Contributions from Parker Memorial.....	2,285.12
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches Fruit and Flower Mission.....	163.00
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	\$23,847.63

We have also received the following bequests and gifts to establish
Special Funds:

Estate of David H. Coolidge.....	\$500.00
Morgan Memorial Endowment Fund (additional).....	118.23
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	\$618.23

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$6,852.22	
City of Boston, 1908 tax	310.20	
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	\$7,162.42	\$7,162.42
Rents received.....	\$1,484.55	
Home income	2,285.12	3,769.67
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Net expense.....	\$3,392.75	

North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Rents received	525.00	
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Net expense.....	\$3,975.00	

Amount carried forward.....	<hr/>	\$11,662.42
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Amount brought forward.....

Channing Church.

Expenses

Morgan Memorial.

Expenses (including rentals turned over).....\$3,527.50

Rents received 1,027.50

Net expense\$2,500.00

Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses\$5,320.00

Home contribution 300.00

Net expense\$5,020.00

Fruit and Flower Mission.

Expenses \$216.02

Administrative expenses

Care and repairs of buildings

Insurance

Old South services.....

Sundries.

Printing Annual Report..... \$100.000

Examination of Treasurer's books..... 25.00

Expenditures

Income

Deficit

Net gain on securities sold.....

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions.

Arlington Street Church	\$2,655.61	
King's Chapel	1,205.00	
South Congregational Church	800.00	
First Church in Boston	300.00	
Second Church in Boston	250.00	
First Parish, Dorchester	125.00	
Church of the Disciples	80.00	
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church.....	31.45	
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury.....	20.00	
First Parish, West Roxbury	15.00	
	\$5,482.06	\$5,482.06

For Parker Memorial.

Home income	\$2,285.12
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For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution	\$300.00
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Friends.

Mrs Otis Norcross	\$100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00	
W. H. P. Robbins.....	20.00	
Charles Allen	15.00	
	\$160.00	\$160.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1909, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE, *Auditor.*

Special Funds, bearing the following names, have from time to time been presented by individuals or corporations to the Fraternity and have been separately invested and their income used in strict accord with the conditions attached by the donors:

The Cyrus A. Bartol Fund.	The Charles Merriam Fund.
From Brattle Square Church:	The New South Church Fund.
The Charity Fund.	The Sarah E. Potter Fund.
The Mary Russell Dexter Fund.	The Samuel E. Sawyer Fund.
The Parsonage Fund.	The Benjamin Sweetser Fund.
The Harriet Louisa Brown Fund.	The Quincy Tufts Fund.
The Church of the Unity Fund.	The Ann White Vose Fund.
The Martha Clapp Fund.	The Robert C. Waterston Fund.
The David H. Coolidge Fund.	From the West Boston Society:
The John H. Eastburn Fund.	The Aged Poor Fund.
The Helen L. Edmands Fund.	The Derby Fund.
The Charles Faulkner Fund.	The Catherine H. Wild Fund.
The Charlotte E. Fellows Fund.	The Jeannie Winkley Fund
The Thomas Gaffield Fund.	The Permanent Fund Subscription.
The John C. Haynes Fund.	The Morgan Memorial Endowment
The Henry P. Kidder Fund.	Fund.

Bulfinch Place Church.

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, *Minister.*

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, *Assistants.*

I may classify the work at Bulfinch Place as consisting first of that which is well within the usual lines of church activity and second that which is outside of those lines. We believe both to be legitimate parts of our service.

First, the work on the outside (though we cannot draw the line very sharply).

The Sphinx Club, an independent organization of young ladies from other parts of our city, conducts Saturday classes under our auspices in such branches as millinery, sewing, embroidery, wood carving, arts and crafts work, elocution, piano and gymnastics. The number of scholars is now one hundred and ten. The total by classes is one hundred and seventy-three, forty-nine taking piano lessons. Almost all come from the suburbs. The work is being done more systematically each year. All the expenses are met by the club, and great credit is due its members for their faithful and efficient service.

The gymnasium has been in use five and, of late, six times a week; two afternoons and two evenings by classes of boys and young men from the West End House, Saturday by Sphinx Club pupils, and Tuesday evenings by the Red, White and Blue Club, Jr. Every class is in charge of a competent teacher, and good order is maintained. Except in one instance, the expense of instruction and lighting has been met by the several organizations. Arrangements have lately been made for the use of the gymnasium by a class of Jewish boys, once a week, from the Baptist Tabernacle.

Two lecture courses of six each have been successfully conducted. The audiences come largely from outside our church, and vary, according to the weather, from fifty to one hundred and seventy-five. The small fee charged pays about one-half or two-thirds the cost.

The Red, White and Blue Club, now in its fourteenth year, has always had members not connected with our church, and at present about half are from the Methodist church in Temple Street. As a number of former members dropped out this year, the club has been reorganized, and is looking forward to some kind of civic work which may lead into wider fields and still more independent life. In the meantime a junior club of twenty boys (with a waiting list) has been formed, to which the older club has given its name and a beautiful flag like its own. Of this Miss Jones is president, as she was of the other until the last election, and it is on the full tide of youthful enthusiasm. Several of its members also are from the outside and greatly need the instruction and refinement which such a club is well able to give.

The Eliot Circle is another of the societies partly within but largely outside of the church. It is a women's club and has a membership of about one hundred and fifty. By its regular monthly meetings, its large social affairs at Christmas and St. Valentine's Day, with from two hundred to three hundred present, its biennial Bazaar (netting over \$200), its excursions, lend-a-hand work, etc., it fills a large place in our calendar of good accomplished. Through its open door individual members are constantly finding their way into other organizations closer to our church.

The Old Ladies' Party in June is an annual event, begun more than sixty years ago. I shall not describe it again, as it is well known what a happy time the old ladies, one hundred or more, gathered from many homes, whether spelled with a big or little "h," are given by our church.

The visiting, outside our regular constituency, and the charitable work of transient applicants grows continually; a few years ago Miss Stokes was an outside visitor, looking

for new people to help, but her work has so developed that it must now be largely confined to those whom she already knows or whom her work attracts. During the past season she gave many hours to conferences with the Lodging House Commission, and her contribution was most helpful and proved to be in agreement with the final report of the Commission.

To Miss Jones and myself, as well as to Miss Stokes, there come a number of persons in need of material assistance. We co-operate with all the regular charitable agencies in caring for these. Nevertheless they take considerable time and strength, without much of a return, so far as the church work is concerned. This is a legitimate part of our ministry-at-large, however, which reaches out a helping hand to the waifs and strays of humanity, as well as to those who belong to our church-home.

As mentioned in my last report, there sprang from our Temperance Union, about a year ago, a West End Improvement Society. It was a spontaneous movement and yet I could not well avoid accepting the lead as its president, and this responsibility has brought with it a good deal of satisfactory work. The Society has grown in strength and influence, until it is recognized now as the representative of this part of the city in the organization known as the United Improvement Association of Boston, as well as in the "Boston 1915" movement. Among the membership, as yet only about one hundred and forty, we count Protestants, Jews, Roman Catholics; social workers, ministers and politicians; rich and poor. Its purpose is to make the West End "cleaner, healthier, happier, more prosperous and beautiful, for our children, our neighbors, the City of Boston, and ourselves."

Such is our work on the outside, but it is by no means our chief work.

That is done by the old-fashioned, but not outgrown, organizations which centre in the Church itself and radiate therefrom. Their work varies so little from year to year that

I shall do little more than name them. The number of families connected with the Church and Sunday School is about two hundred; the teachers and scholars in the Sunday School number one hundred and eighty-eight.

The Women's Alliance has sixty members, meets regularly twice a month, and renders most valuable service, financial and religious, to our own Church and the Unitarian denomination.

The Guild numbers from twenty-five to thirty-five, and contributes its full proportion of strength to the Boston Federation and the National Young People's Religious Union.

The Eliot Circle and other Lend-a-Hand Clubs have a membership of about two hundred and twenty-five and continue a rapid fire of "small service," which is, however, "true service." They raise from \$150 to \$200 yearly for such work. They serve as a training school in public spirit and mutual helpfulness.

The Temperance Union has held seven meetings since its organization in February, 1908. Its objective includes not only temperance but good citizenship and neighborhood improvement. The "Lodging House Problem" and the special value of "Playgrounds" were the subjects of two meetings. A committee is at work to obtain a chilled water fountain in Bowdoin Square. There are eighty members.

Our little paper, printed monthly, is rightly named "Our Work," and its motto is the spirit of all our societies and clubs, "not to be ministered unto but to minister."

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

The North End Union.

20 Parmenter Street

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street.

Local Board of Directors.

REV. EDWARD A. HORTON, *Chairman.*

MISS JULIA W. FROTHINGHAM

EDWIN D. MEAD

MISS IDA M. MASON

ARTHUR W. MOORS

MISS ABBEY S. PERRY

LEONARD TUFTS

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, *Superintendent.*

MRS. MARY A. BRAINARD, *Assistant.*

Children's House Committee.

MISS JULIA W. FROTHINGHAM

MRS. EDWARD NASH

MISS IDA M. MASON

MISS HELEN SHARP

Supervisors of the Plumbing School.

C. H. CRONIN, *Chairman.*

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JOHN CRAWFORD

EDWARD C. KELLY

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Supervisors of the Printing School.

J. STEARNS CUSHING, *Chairman.*

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JOSEPH LEE

GEORGE W. SIMONDS

HENRY P. PORTER

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD

A detailed description of the various activities of the North End Union, even if space permitted, is, perhaps, not even desirable in these days when it can be said of reports as was said of books long before the era of the printing press, "of the making of many books there is no end."

The essential thing to be understood is the underlying

motive of the thing done, whether it be a worthy one, one calculated to help make life better worth living, individually and collectively. Most of the problems of life grow out of the necessity, desirable necessity be it said, of living together.

The work of the Union may be classified under two general heads,—social and industrial—if indeed it is not all social, considered from the standpoint of that which is conducive to a better community life.

Society calls for team play, with the injunction “to play fair”; it also requires that every individual shall be so trained that he can meet the emergencies of life in an adequate way. It is these demands the Union tries to meet.

Read into the club work, not only intellectual improvement and the consideration of moral and civic questions, but the acceptance of the idea that a harmonious organization can come only by a due recognition of the rights of every one; read into athletic games the imperative need “of all for each and each for all”; read into trade schools’ industrial efficiency, without which one is a drag upon and a menace to society; read into all the activities the personality of the persons in charge,—then it is possible the following clubs and classes will mean something more than a mere catalogue of daily occurrences.

GYMNASIUM.

Senior Class, young men, two evenings.

Junior Class, boys, one evening.

Young women, one evening.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES.

1. For school girls, two afternoons.

2. For school girls, two afternoons.

Working girls (two separate groups), two evenings.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS.

Under the direction of Miss Mary P. Barnes.

Average attendance, one hundred and sixty; one instructor and twenty-five teachers.

TRADE CLASSES.

Plumbing School, two evenings for shop-work, one evening for lectures on plumbing. Practical plumbers as supervisors and one instructor. Limited to young men in the trade.

School of Printing, under direction of master printers of Boston; twelve months' course, eight hours daily; from 7.40 to 5.05. Pupils apprenticed to employers while in school. Attendance in the school made a part of the apprenticeship agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ten illustrated lectures during the season.

Monthly dancing social for members and lady friends.

Play room, five afternoons a week.

Modified milk for babies, every morning.

Stamp Savings, twice a week.

Public baths daily.

Afternoon Mending Class, for school girls.

Dental Clinic, in charge of registered dentist; one day a week, nominal charge for cleaning, filling or extracting.

Sunday School from November to May.

Flower Work (branch of Mutual Helpers), twice a week during July and August; distributes flowers to sick and shut-in.

Basketball team.

Baseball nine.

Reading Room and Library, every evening during the season.

Game Room, every evening except Sunday.

CLUBS.

All our clubs are small groups, seldom more than fifteen, under the direction of their own elected officers. The club supervisor, without whom no club is formed, is simply the big brother or sister, and acts in a general advisory way.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES.

The aim in the dressmaking classes is not only to give thorough and systematic instruction in cutting and making

clothes, but to provide opportunity for those to whom the cost of suitable wearing apparel is a serious item. To facilitate the making of garments, a machine stitcher is provided, and, if desired, material is bought, repayment for same being in small installments.

DENTAL CLINIC.

A Dental Clinic, under the auspices of Tufts Dental College, has been established, whereby dental service is provided one day in the week, and is in charge of a corps of registered dentists. A nominal charge is made.

Through the cordial co-operation of the teachers of the Hancock School, appointments are made.

MODIFIED MILK.

The Union is one of the stations for the distribution of modified milk for babies, prepared by D. Whiting and Sons.

The source of supply, the formulae and method of modification are approved by a group of doctors after personal inspection.

This service of distributing modified milk is under the general supervision and direction of an Association of which the above doctors are members.

The work of distributing requires two persons, who are paid by the Union.

The Association provides a nurse, who devotes her entire time to visiting the babies, advising the mothers, and to such details as make for efficient service.

A baby clinic, five days a week, is to be established.

PLAY ROOM.

The play room aims not only to provide in-door opportunity during the winter months for free play, but to relieve the working mothers of the necessary care of their children for a time.

TRADE SCHOOLS.

The Schools of Plumbing and Printing are distinctly trade schools, and are directly identified with the trades.

No one is admitted into the Plumbing School unless he is at work at that business, and it is required that his application for admission to the school shall be signed by his em-

ployer. Fee for fifty shop lessons, \$10. Monday and Wednesday evenings. Diplomas given to those who satisfactorily complete the course, which takes variously from one to three years, depending on the individual.

The Printing School has a twelve months' course, eight hours daily. Pupils must be at least sixteen years old, and before admission must have agreed to be apprenticed to some employing printer, after three months' trial in the school to determine fitness. The one year in the school counts as one of the four years of apprenticeship. Employing printers of Boston have general charge and supervision of the school. The tuition is \$100 for the year.

CLUBS IN NORTH END UNION — MAY, 1900

Name of Club	No. of members	Ages	Sex
Lincoln Club	15	10 to 12	boys
Little Zionists Helpers	15	10 to 14	girls
Washington Club	11	12 to 13	boys
Liberty Club	7	13 to 15	girls
John Hancock Club	11	14 to 16	boys
Cushman Club	10	12 to 14	boys
Merry Workers	11	11 to 13	girls
Franklin Club	10	13 to 15	boys
Dante Club	10	18 to 20	girls
Paul Revere Club	12	11 to 14	boys
Parmenter Club	16	18 to 19	boys
Jerusalem Stars	12	17 to 18	girls
Marguerite Club	16	18 to 31	girls
Hubbard-Webster Club	11	18 to 20	boys
Granville S. Webster Club	11	17 to 19	boys
North End Union Athletic Club	41	18 to 27	boys
John Ware Club	11	21 to 23	boys, girls
Progress Club	9	20 to 22	girls
Mayflower Club	8	23 to 25	boys
Elocution Club	9	18 to 21	girls

Twenty Clubs—total membership . . . 256

Nine Clubs—ages under sixteen . . . 102

Eleven Clubs—ages over sixteen . . . 154

Boys and young men 160

Girls and young women 96

Channing Church.

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

REV. F. RAYMOND STURTEVANT, *Minister.*

The same good report of gradual and wholesome progress, as in the past two years, may be made from this chapel. This growth follows the same general lines of the normal neighborhood church whose purpose is to minister to the social and religious needs of its community and to unite the people there into a working and worshipping society.

Although in two respects a slight decline must be noted, the progress of the work is still more encouraging than last year. The Sunday School has fallen off in membership, but this is due to the fact that several of the older pupils have considered themselves "graduated"; but, while no longer members of the Sunday School, they are still active in the life of the Church. Again, not quite so much money was raised this year as last to meet the general expenses of the Church work, but this is explained by the fact that the expenses have not been so large and the annual parish fair, consequently, was not held this year. With these exceptions, this is by far the best year that we have had.

SERVICES OF WORSHIP.

As in past years, this Church has been open for Sunday services of worship except during the months of July and August. Whether it will ever seem advisable to maintain services or keep the Church open for any other purpose through the summer months may not yet be said; but at present it seems best to adhere to this policy, as most of our families who constitute the nucleus and the working force of the society are away at that time.

The increased attendance at the regular services during the

ten months is highly encouraging. Here is the best sign of our growth, the attendance being twenty-five per cent better than last year and about twice what it was two years ago. We have now reached the time when the auditorium is well filled of a Sunday morning. Monthly evening services have also been held as usual during the winter months, at all but one of which outside speakers, two of them laymen, gave addresses. These services, too, have been well attended, congregations varying from seventy to one hundred and fifteen.

The music problem, which has so long vexed us, has now been adequately solved. In June the quartette was dismissed, the expense being really beyond our means, and in September a voluntary chorus of young girls from the parish took its place. This has not only reduced our expenses very appreciably, but given us much better music for our worship.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

The parish has been active in the various social clubs, of which there have been six during the winter. The gymnasium, as always, has been a source of much pleasure and profit to the younger people, and has been used every week. This spring a gymnasium club, composed of the young men and boys of the parish, was organized and funds are being collected to procure more apparatus. We have here to record with much gratitude the laying of the new floor, with incidental repairs, by the Fraternity.

The Junior Social Club, organized two years ago and composed of boys and girls under sixteen, was disbanded in April, its funds generously donated to the Church, and its members admitted into the Young People's Guild. The social club gave two plays and the Guild held a sale, during the winter, for the benefit of the Church. The Juvenile Society of girls about twelve years of age, has also contributed to the support of the Church.

The Women's Alliance, always the strongest organization

in the Church, has had a busy year. Nearly \$150 has been donated to the current expenses of the Church and the ladies have also done work for outside charities, including the Dorchester House, Morgan Memorial and the Fruit and Flower Mission, a committee of twelve working faithfully for this last during the summer months with the ladies of the First Parish of Dorchester.

In February the Channing Men's Club was organized, its purpose being to bring the men of the parish and neighborhood together for better social acquaintance and for the benefit of addresses of an educational character. The club has now held three monthly meetings, at each of which there has been a gratifying increase in numbers and good spirit. Two years ago such a club would have been impossible, for lack of men; today it has a membership of twenty-eight, with the prospect of increasing to forty.

Several interesting social events have occurred during the year. Mr. Richard C. Humphreys of Dorchester gave a stereopticon lecture at one of our parish gatherings, which was greatly appreciated, and the Herford Club of the Arlington Street Church, a concert which attracted a large company. In September, a large-sized crayon portrait of Dr. Edward E. Hale, the excellent work and generous gift of Mr. William Keim, our treasurer, was presented to the Church with an appropriate address by the pastor. On the following Sunday Dr. Hale himself preached at the morning service of worship to a large congregation.

THE PARISH.

During the year seventeen new families have been added to the parish list, making a total of one hundred and twelve homes to which this Church now ministers. It is well to call attention to the shifting character of our population in this neighborhood. The records show that each year the personnel of our constituency changes from ten to twenty per cent; but there is always a large nucleus of about eighty fam-

ilies who are not only permanently settled in the neighborhood, but devotedly attached to the Church. For the better stability of the organization, the pastor seeks to bring those of the parish into the religious life of the society, and this year after a confirmation class held in Lent, twelve signed the covenant and were formally admitted into the fellowship of the Church at the Easter services.

At the annual meeting of the parish on April 28th, last year's officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The Treasurer's report showed that \$707.07 had been taken in during the year and that a comfortable balance of \$133.32 remained with which to begin the new year. It is a matter of no little gratification to the society that it has been able this year to pay the coal bill, although this item was covered by the Fraternity appropriation. Having done this, it is now the desire of the society to attend during the coming year to all expenses in maintenance of the work of the Church except the minister's salary. This has been largely discussed at meetings of the Parish Board and was brought up at the annual meeting, and although no formal vote was taken to pledge the society, the plan was heartily approved and the new year begins with this policy. The society desires to show its appreciation of what the Fraternity has so generously done, by doing more for itself; that is the awakened sentiment of Channing Church.

In conclusion, your superintendent would like to say that he is full of confidence and hope. We have here a group of loyal, consecrated workers and reverent worshippers who deeply appreciate the value of a religious home and who have learned to love this Church as their home. There is no feeling of discouragement or disharmony. But each year sees a wholesome growth as we go on our quiet way—a growth in numbers, in stability of organization, in enthusiasm and in loyalty and devotion.

FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT,

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At the suggestion of a person greatly interested in Morgan Memorial work, I wrote out, last autumn, a list of the various activities of the institution. The result was a surprise to myself; I did not know we were so very busy. I found we were having fifty-nine regular religious meetings weekly; forty regular activities for children and one hundred and twenty-two regular philanthropic enterprises every week. So well organized is all this work that it moves on with no confusion and very little friction.

"Why so much work?" some one asks. Because our local needs demand it. The reason you remark on the beautiful deportment of Morgan Memorial children is found in our incessant association with them. The destitute mother who finds a timely support for her children through our relief work leaves her babies in our Day Nursery or Kindergarten. In time they pass on into our Industrial School, our Music School, our Children's Church and Sunday School, and some of the many activities of our Children's House, and a fortunate hundred spend two months, day and night, in our Fresh Air Camp in South Athol. Here, away from every bad influence, they respond to the noblest within them and return to Boston to become the models among the more than one thousand different boys and girls connected with Morgan Memorial. Morgan Memorial succeeds because "we are at it and always at it." If we don't keep people busy with good things, the Devil will keep them busy with bad things.

About ten thousand of our Relief Bags are in circulation. In them have been sent us more than fifty thousand garments and more than five thousand pairs of shoes that have been repaired by poor people and sold to other people too poor to buy new things. Then we have given work to many other destitute people in our rug factory, where we have made beautiful Colonial rugs and also useful rugs from old carpets. During the year 1908 we gave work to fifteen hundred and fifty-five different destitute persons—chiefly families—and realized sufficient from the sale of our rugs, clothing, furniture, shoes and rags to pay these poor people \$15,097.99 for

their labor. In other words, by the closest kind of management, we have been able to make this large relief work self-supporting. This work, however, could never have been accomplished had we not been furnished with the tools and equipment by the Tuckerman Circle and other interested organizations and individuals.

We find that many of these people who pass through our industrial relief work need a complete change of environment as much as our children do. I have therefore several of the graduates of our Temperance Saloon at work on a Fresh Air Farm in South Athol, planting and raising the vegetables for our summer camps. Instead of enlarging our rug business in Boston where rents are higher we are now putting in several looms in a barn up there, and propose to grow stable characters while we give work.

Only a word concerning our fifty-nine religious meetings every week. They are held for all kinds of people and for the various phases of our work. Several are held at the same time in different parts of the buildings—sometimes in different languages. Some meetings are very small—only a few gathered “in His name.” Some are held on the street corner for the passersby. Some meetings are for men only, some for women, and some for children. Without hiding our light under a bushel or disguising the character of our services, we try to follow in the steps of the Apostle to the Gentiles, “who was all things to all men that he might win some.”

With gratitude to all,

E. J. HELMS, *Minister*

Parker Memorial.

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The work undertaken at Parker Memorial this last year may well be divided into three kinds: (1) local activities, (2) work in co-operation with other well established organizations, and (3) privileges granted to others. The aim has been throughout to interrelate these three groups in such a way as to give unity and point to the whole work of Parker Memorial. In the belief that Parker Memorial can be made a natural centre for the philanthropic, civic and social work of the South End, we have sought to bring together in one common purpose as many organizations and activities as we could conveniently and consistently unite in one building. Our present plant consists of two halls, two offices, a gymnasium and ten rooms suitable for clubs, classes and general social purposes. By making several much-needed repairs we have been able to use our plant mornings, afternoons and evenings practically to its full capacity, and at certain times every room in the building has been in use, so that no other groups could be accommodated. This has meant increased expense for janitor service and cleaning, as well as additional duties of supervision, and has made it difficult to make more than a beginning in the various forms of neighborhood work which have been entered upon.

1. *The local activities.* Educational and industrial classes

for which adequate fees are charged, have been conducted regularly and efficiently under the direction of Miss Littlefield, as in previous years, for adults and children; the total number of registrations was three hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and twenty-six in dancing, one hundred and forty-five in millinery, sixty-three in dress-making, seven in embroidery and seven in physical culture. At the beginning of the season, in accordance with the policy of making the work more local and unified, no effort was made to attract residents from the more distant suburbs, but instead the notices that were sent out stated that special privileges would be granted to those residing near Parker Memorial. This resulted in a temporary loss of registration, but the committee thought such action advisable at the time.

In addition to these classes, others were conducted in gymnastics for eighty young men and boys, in clay modelling for twenty boys and girls, in printing for ten older boys, and in cooking for ten young women from Brooke House. A young men's literary club of twenty, under the direction of two leaders, painted, repaired and equipped one of the previous storage rooms on the top floor and has used it each week for meetings. The pianos have been used regularly all year for practicing and on Saturday morning ten children have been taught piano lessons. On Saturday morning a graduate kindergarten for forty children and on Sunday mornings a special kindergarten for forty other children have both been maintained. There has also been a special dancing class for thirty girls. These classes together have an enrolment of two hundred and sixty, which, added to the three hundred and fifty-five in the industrial classes, makes a total of six hundred and fifteen.

In order to become better acquainted with the men attending the Franklin Union, a reading room and a rest room were opened for them regularly three evenings each week from 6 to 7.30 p. m. by Mr. Illman.

On Sunday afternoons, in co-operation with Mr. William I. Cole of South End House and Mr. H. G. Tucker, Musical

Director, six concerts were given by well known musicians in the large hall, to most appreciative audiences. The hall was filled to its seating capacity and great interest was expressed, both by the musicians and by the people of the South End, for whom they were especially arranged.

On Sunday evenings a course of civics lectures was conducted by the best speakers obtainable from New York, Chicago and Boston, for the express purpose of interesting the young men of Boston in good government. This experiment, which depended upon the co-operation received from outside organizations, succeeded in stimulating a fresh interest in practical civics and opened up large possibilities for the future, especially in connection with the Boston 1915 movement.

2. *Work in co-operation with other well established organizations.* This important part of this year's undertaking can only be mentioned briefly in this report. Parker Memorial has served as headquarters for six large organizations conducting civic, social and educational work for great sections of the city, and it has granted regular privileges and accommodations for the class work of six settlements and nine other groups engaged in social work, making a total of twenty-one affiliated activities.

Parker Memorial has served as headquarters for the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and also for the Boston Social Union, the new federation of the Social Settlements in Boston, whose secretary occupies a desk in the main office. On Tuesday evenings Professor C. T. Copeland of Harvard University has conducted in the large hall his English literature course. This popular University Extension course of the Lowell Institute Lectures has been attended by about five hundred persons. On certain regular mornings and afternoons during each week the larger activities of Miss Lucy Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School are conducted in the building, thus bringing the future kindergarten teachers of the settlements more in touch with other social workers. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings a club of colored boys

has made faithful and orderly use of the class rooms and gymnasium for literary and athletic exercises under the direction of Rev. Powhatan Bagnall. All the larger meetings of the South End Improvement Society, with a membership of five hundred, have been held in the large hall, also the annual reception and banquet. The other activities included in the total of twenty-one have been the following: Two cooking classes conducted by Miss Paine, a series of Folk Dance Instructions for Teachers under the direction of Miss Murray, the meetings of the School Visitors' Committee, a literature class of thirty young people from the Franklin Evening School, the Central Evening High School Alumni Association, the Washington Irving Literary Club, and the Python Social Club for young men. It will be seen from this summary that the twenty-one related activities, though varying widely in character and representing different elements of the population, have been closely related in purpose.

3. *Privileges granted to others who have no definite connection with the Institution.* It is possible for the work to benefit a very large number of others by granting privileges judiciously to those whose interests are in common with the larger and better interests of the South End and of the city as a whole. The equipment at Parker Memorial is especially well suited for social occasions and for public meetings. During the last year privileges have been granted to thirty-seven organizations and clubs; twice to churches, fourteen times to large organizations doing social work, thirteen times to young people's clubs for social occasions and eleven times to the colored people. This privilege has been greatly appreciated by the colored people and they have shown their appreciation by making the very best use of these opportunities.

No mention has been made of many neighborly acts and the opportunities for service and for acquaintance that come in the course of each week. An effort has been made to bring the many branches of the work together and to develop a greater esprit de corps. On March 26th a reception was held for all the members and a concert was given by the

Pierian Sodality of Harvard College. This seemed to be greatly enjoyed, and it was evident that several receptions given in the course of one year would be of great assistance in creating greater friendliness.

HARRY B. TAPLIN,

Superintendent.

Fruit and Flower Mission.

What was formerly the Boston Fruit and Flower Mission, established by Miss Helen W. Tinkham in 1869, is in its fortieth season this autumn. Under the charge of the Benevolent Fraternity the plan instituted last year of contributing on Tuesdays from Parker Memorial for the West End and on Fridays from Bulfinch Place Church for the West End, has worked successfully.

From these two opposite ends of the city during the last ten weeks of the summer the settlements, playgrounds, vacation schools have been well supplied with bouquets and loose flowers; the dispensaries and small hospitals have been visited, and more than one hundred and forty dozen eggs, with oranges, pineapples, berries, grapes, lemons and sugar, and large quantities of broths have been judiciously given out through seven district nurses, volunteer visitors of the Mission and to others with in their home. This distribution is made possible through the generosity of special contributors.

The largest regular contributions come from the Trinity Parish Church, Meeting House Hill, combined with the Church and workers from St. Mary's Episcopal Church. They sent through the season more than three thousand, five hundred tied bouquets with many loose flowers; the Ladies Club of Shirley, whose contribution was nearly as large, who always supplement it with a large box of jellies distributed at Thanksgiving; Weston, whose offerings of great beauty and variety; the West Newton Union Church, noted especially for its bunches of pansies; the Chestnut Hill Union; the Women's Guild of Newton; the Young People's Religious Union of Leominster; the Neighborhood Unions of Medford; the Women's

Walpole; the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood House; the Neighborhood contribution of Arlington; the Eliot Congregational Church of Newton; the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Melrose, and the Sunshine Society of the Second Congregational Church, Dorchester.

Individual contributions came from Milton, Hingham, Wellesley, Dorchester, Nahant, West Manchester, Beverly Farms, Wayland, Northborough, Brookline and Falmouth. All these gifts represent faithful labor as well as generosity on the part of many persons.

The flowers and fruit were distributed to the Marine and Naval hospitals through the Seaman's Friend Society; the Berkeley Infirmary; Eye and Ear Infirmary; St. Elizabeth's Hospital; Plymouth Hospital; St. Bartholomew's Club of Cambridgeport; Church of Our Father in East Boston; Associated Charities, district 16; Roxbury Neighborhood House; Elizabeth Peabody House; Robert Gould Shaw House; Cambridge Neighborhood House; Hawthorne Club; Emmanuel House; South End Vacation School; Winthrop and Bowdoin Schools (in June) Morgan Memorial; South End Day Nursery; Sunnyside Day Nursery; South Boston Day Nursery; the National Vacation Daily Bible Schools, at Bowdoin Square Tabernacle and the Old Harvard Church; North End playground, Columbus avenue playground, Charlesbank gymnasium, and Willard Y Settlement.

The volunteer visitors were: Miss Florence W. Harris of Arlington, Mrs. J. S. Howe of Brookline, Miss Myra A. Mitchell of Hingham, Miss Mary Wetherell of Brookline, Mrs. Caroline Remick and Mrs. C. J. Ridgeway of Boston. The volunteer assistants to receive and arrange the flowers were Miss Reed, Miss Kennedy, Miss Moulton and Mrs. Garland, and all was under the direction of Mrs. Lincoln of the Benevolent Fraternity, with Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss Kate B. Littlefield in alternate charge.

Summer Work.

The Fraternity again joined with the Unitarian Association in giving afternoon services at the Old South Meeting House on the alternate Sundays of the summer. From five hundred to seven hundred persons listened to sermons from Rev. H. Elmer Gilchrist of New Orleans, Rev. A. P. Record of Springfield, Mass., Rev. Thomas R. Slicer of New York, Rev. Fred V. Hawley of Chicago, and Rev. S. A. Eliot of Boston, and many hundred tracts were distributed.

Bulfinch Place Church was open daily to meet demands and distribute the flowers sent by the Mutual Helpers' Mission on days when the Fraternity Flower Mission was not there. Vacations, harbor trips or car rides were arranged for those who needed them. The Bulfinch Place Church Temperance Union had a chilled water fountain placed in Bowdoin Square, which was much appreciated, not only by the women and children, but by the teamsters and expressmen, to the detriment of the many saloons in the neighborhood.

North End Union, beginning with a Fourth of July picnic for about forty working girls, gave through the summer a weekly picnic or visit to the Natural History Rooms to mothers and children. Nearly seven thousand bouquets from the Mutual Helpers were distributed on Tuesdays and Fridays by fifteen little girls from the neighborhood, supervised and instructed by volunteers from Wellesley College and the suburban churches. Classes in doll's dress-making, dancing and gymnastics were held, and a weekly song and story hour, with occasional dancing or singing in the evening for the older groups, and about a hundred calls made especially on those who received flowers. The Committee on Milk and Baby Hygiene now manages the distribution of modified milk, furnishes two nurses and conducts a baby clinic five after-

noons a week, the Union supplying the room and an interpreter, who takes charge of the finances.

Morgan Memorial kept up its religious and philanthropic work throughout the summer, though there was less call for relief than in the winter. Its vacation school had an enrollment of between three hundred and four hundred, and numerous picnics and excursions were provided; its six Fresh Air Camps at South Athol entertained one hundred and fifty babies, children and grown persons. A branch of the rug factory was established there, and they raised all the vegetables they required except potatoes.

The office at Parker Memorial was open all summer except in August; the Flower Mission worked there once a week, and there was the usual distribution of free car rides; the halls were also used by outside organizations, but owing to Mr. Illman's resignation as assistant, in July, no new work could be undertaken.

The Fraternity wishes to express its thanks to the Newton Street Railway, the Boston Elevated Railway Co. and the management of Norembega Park for free tickets and other courtesies.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of
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The Annual Meeting of the delegates for the choice of officers is on the first Sunday in May. The other regular meetings are on the second Sunday in October, the second Sunday in December, and the second Sunday in March.

Each Church belonging to the Fraternity is entitled to five delegates, who should be chosen by their respective churches annually, on or before the first Sunday in April, but failure, for two successive years, to contribute to the support of the Fraternity forfeits membership in the corporation. The contributions from the churches should be paid before the first day of May.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches 1909-1910

As the Executive Committee has met but once since the last quarterly meeting it has practically nothing to report. I shall call your attention, therefore, to the way the work of the Fraternity is administered.

Our organization is often spoken of as old-fashioned and cumbersome; the board of sixty odd delegates as unwieldy; and the Executive Committee of twelve as too large. The general scheme of this government was laid out some seventy-five years ago, but, like all healthy, living organizations, it has, without realizing it, grown and adapted itself to its surroundings, and the process is still going on. To take up the last complaint first, no Committee small or large could find the time to investigate properly, and manage correctly, five such different institutions as Bulfinch Place Church, North End Union, Channing Church, Morgan Memorial, and Parker Memorial; but the size of the Executive Committee makes it possible to appoint Sub-Committees of two or three members to take charge of the various chapels and report, when necessary, to the whole Committee at its monthly meetings. But even this supervision has proved insufficient to meet the needs of each chapel, and it has been found necessary, in almost every case, to appoint a local board of managers, composed partly from the Sub-Committee in charge and partly from persons, outside the delegates, who know the needs of the locality, are interested in the special work, or have other claims on it. Such boards are the Directors of North End Union, the Joint Committees at Morgan Memorial and Parker Memorial, and the Church Organization at Chan-

ning Church. This arrangement has in the main worked well, but has developed one weakness, a tendency of the local boards to act independently of the Executive Committee and sometimes without its knowledge. This tendency has been recognized, and one of the local boards has already voted to send the records of its meetings, as they occur, to the Executive Committee; it seems highly desirable that the others should do the same. There are also matters requiring special knowledge, which arise at the various chapels and are independent of the local conditions. These matters, it has been found, can best be managed by Special Committees which have the requisite knowledge and can attend to them wherever they occur. There are so far three of these General Committees:—the Finance Committee, which makes up the budget for each year; the Committee on Care and Repair of Buildings, which now has complete control of all alterations and repairs of a permanent nature; and the Committee on General Work, which takes in all work not regularly assigned to other Committees. The Care and Repairs Committee calls for a great deal of special knowledge and experience, and the Fraternity is fortunate in having just the man needed for its chairman. If the Finance Committee would take upon itself, as it is entitled to do, a general supervision of the salaries paid at the various chapels, it might add to efficiency and economy.

To take up the functions of the delegates, this is the point where the organization is most often criticised, and it must be admitted more use could be made of them, but they have a distinct and valuable use. Almost every philanthropic organization needs a large body of persons interested in its work though not necessarily actively engaged in it, which can spread knowledge and interest in it through the community and, can act as a friendly but impartial critic of the acts of those more intimately associated with the details of the work. This last duty the delegates have on more than one occasion most successfully performed.

The habit of having committees of delegates visit the chapels, and also having the heads of the chapels report verbally at some of the meetings, increases the knowledge and interest of the delegates, and this year the experiment has successfully been tried of having the representatives of one of the Churches devote their energies to a special chapel; this plan has possibilities of future development. There is a certain diffidence on the part of some of the Churches in taking a prominent part in the work, because their contributions are small; this would have more weight if the Fraternity depended mainly or wholly on these contributions, but, when about three-quarters of its income comes from other sources, there is no reason why it should not welcome the aid of persons of energy, ability, or enthusiasm, if such there are, wherever they come from.

The present organization of the Fraternity has been a gradual growth and consequently not uniformly or symmetrically developed; but the system which, more or less consciously, underlies the whole, may be described as follows:—A set of local boards, partly composed of members of the Executive Committee, who oversee and advise the heads of the respective chapels; the Executive Committee which controls the various chapels through its Sub-Committees, and takes charge of the general appropriations and care of the buildings; the body of delegates which represent the contributing Churches, elects the Executive Committee, hears its reports, makes suggestions and criticisms, and in cases of controversy has the final decision.

ERNEST JACKSON,
Recording Secretary.

Statement of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1910.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,804.17	
Income from investments	12,575.18	
Contributions from friends	145.00	
Contributions from churches	5,922.00	
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00	
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches		
Fruit and Flower Mission	172.00	
		<u>\$21,918.35</u>

We have also received the following bequests and gifts to establish special funds:

Legacy under will of Anaretta T. Leighton.....	\$1,000.00	
Thomas Gaffield Fund (additional from sale of land)...	1,000.00	
		<u>\$2,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,822.70	
City of Boston, 1909 tax.....	310.20	\$5,132.90
	<u>5,132.90</u>	
Rents received	1,622.50	
	<u>\$3,510.40</u>	
Net expense		

North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Rents received	186.67	
	<u>\$4,513.33</u>	
Net expense		

Channing Church.

Expenses	\$2,000.00	
	<u>\$11,832.90</u>	
Amount carried forward.....		

Amount brought forward.....		\$11,832.90
Morgan Memorial.		
Expenses (including rentals turned over)....	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00
Rents received	995.00	
Net expense	\$2,600.00	
Buttrick Place Church.		
Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Home contribution	300.00	
Net expense	\$4,700	
Fruit and Flower Mission.		
Expenses	\$155.00	\$155.00
Contributions received through the year	\$172.00	
Expended as above	155.00	
Amount to their credit	\$17.00	
Administrative expenses		\$687.18
Care and repair of buildings		991.68
Insurance		224.36
Old South Services		100.00
Sundries.		
Printing Annual Report		\$100.00
Examination of Treasurer's books.....		25.00
Expenditure		\$22,711.12
Income		21,918.35
Deficit		792.77
Net gain on securities disposed of		165.26
Actual deficit		\$627.51

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions.	
Arlington Street Church	\$2,844.91
King's Chapel	1,317.00
South Congregational Church	900.00
First Church in Boston.....	325.00
Second Church in Boston	200.00
First Parish, Dorchester	150.00
Church of the Disciples	57.00
First Congregational Society, Jamaica Plain.....	50.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	33.09
All Souls' Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00

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First Parish, West Roxbury	15.00
Third Religious Society, Dorchester	10.00

\$5,922.00**For Bulfinch Place Church.**

Home contribution	300.00
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Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00	
W, H. P. Robbins	20.00	145.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1910, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE,**Auditor.**

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, Assistants.

It does not seem necessary to describe the work at Bulfinch Place Church in detail every year, as it follows much the same lines from year to year, being a ministry-at-large to our Parish and neighborhood. It may be said that the past season has been a good one, active and useful in all the usual directions.

The Sunday School, including teachers, numbers 200, though some members have not been very constant in attendance, bringing down the average. Teachers' meetings every week, socials every month, an annual supper, festivals and special services, keep things moving. Collections every Sunday for the Children's Mission (total, \$83.50), and the work of nine Lend-a-Hand Clubs, represent the School's service for others. A new set of hymn books and a bookcase, a reflectoscope, costing \$175.00, and a legacy of \$3,000 from Miss Elizabeth S. Emmons, were gifts received.

The Church services have continued regularly with congregations of about 100, more on special occasions. The Winkley Guild, three Church suppers, special services during Lent, and the Women's Alliance, with constant visiting by the minister and his assistants, and the many calls made upon them for friendly or ministerial services, constitute the activities that centre in the Church itself.

Our Social or Neighborhood work includes that of the Eliot Circle (a women's club, one hundred and fifty members), the Sphinx Club (Saturday classes), the two Red, White and Blue Clubs (Saturday evening socials for neigh-

borhood boys), the Stereopticon Lectures, the Temperance Union, the Flower Mission and Summer Outings.

Our denominational loyalty is illustrated by our membership in the American Unitarian Association, the Boston Federation of Young People's Societies, and other Unitarian bodies, as well as by our activity in the Women's Alliance, the Anniversary Week Hospitalities, and the Children's Mission.

A noteworthy occasion in April was the celebration of the ninety-first birthday of our pastor emeritus, Rev. S. H. Winkley. Though unable to be with us himself, he was represented by several members of his family, and sent a letter with his personal greetings and messages of love. Many of his former parishioners were present, eager to express again their gratitude and admiration for his wonderful pastorate now covering sixty-four years.

We have lost from our Sunday School two teachers whose loyalty and devotion call for special recognition: Elizabeth S. Emmons and John Rayner Edmands.

Miss Emmons left us in October at the age of ninety-one. After long and faithful service in the Public Schools of Boston, she became an assistant for the Benevolent Fraternity at Morgan Memorial, and continued the work afterwards as a volunteer up to the time of her death. She entered the Howard Sunday School in 1836, became a teacher in 1838, and continued to serve in that capacity to the end, seventy-one years. A woman of strong religious character, sympathetic, enthusiastic, she was never weary of well-doing. By her will, she left three thousand dollars to the Howard Sunday School, and the same amount to the Sunday School at Morgan Memorial.

Mr. Edmands belonged to a family which had been closely connected with our Sunday School since 1833. He himself took charge of its music when only eighteen years of age, and held the position until his death, a period of forty-two years. He was also a teacher and always a wise and helpful friend. He was intensely interested in the

history of the School and stood for its highest ideals. In memory of his wife, he established in 1889 the Helen L. Edmands fund, the income to be used for young women connected with our School, needing rest or special vacations. It has been and will continue to be a blessing to many.

In addition to the regular appropriation of the Fraternity, we have received or raised by our own efforts, for the various branches of our work, about \$4200.00.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



NORTH END UNION,
Interior of Building.

The North End Union

20 Parmenter Street.

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street.

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The following brief summary of the various activities of the Union gives but a cursory glance of the real work done. Any comprehensive idea of the service rendered must necessarily include an appreciation of the personal elements which enter into the development of the work.

The value of the personal touch in all forms of education is so obviously true as scarcely to need mention, but in social work, which is often less definite in detail than regu-

lar school work, and the ultimate purpose in view more elusive, it is imperative that a teacher or club leader shall have a strong, wholesome personality, versatile in expediency, in order to achieve anything like ideal results. The Union aims, as far as possible, to secure this type of teachers, but it is quite impossible to incorporate into any report of work accomplished the subtle, silent influence which may be productive of good in later years.

GYMNASIUM.

Senior Class young men, two evenings.

Junior Class, boys, one evening.

Young women, one evening.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES.

1. For school girls, two afternoons.

2. For school girls, two afternoons.

Working girls (two separate groups) two evenings.

SATURDAY MORNING SEWING CLASS.

Under the direction of Miss Mary P. Barnes.

Average attendance, 175. One supervising instructor and twenty-five teachers.

PLUMBING SCHOOL.

Plumbing school, two evenings a week, six months' course for shop work. Nine lectures on the technical science of plumbing. Practical plumbers as supervisors, and one instructor. Limited to young men in the trade.

PRINTING SCHOOL.

School of Printing under the direction of master printers of Boston; twelve months' course, eight hours daily, from 7.40 to 5.05. Pupils apprenticed to employing printers while in the school. The year in the school made a part of the apprenticeship agreement.

CLUBS.

Six clubs of girls and young women.

Nine clubs of boys and young men.

Total membership, 154.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ten illustrated lectures during the season.

Monthly dancing social for members and lady friends.

Dancing classes for school girls one afternoon a week.

Play room, five afternoons a week.

Modified milk for babies, every morning.

Stamp savings once a week.

Public baths daily.

Afternoon Mending Class, for school girls.

Story-hour for boys and girls.

Chorus class.

Dental Clinic, in charge of registered dentist; one day a week, nominal charge for cleaning, filling and extracting.

Baby Clinic, twice a week.

Sunday School from November to May.

Flower Work (branch of Mutual Helpers) twice a week during July and August; distributes flowers to sick and shut-in.

Basket-ball team.

Baseball nine.

Reading Room and Library, every evening during the season.

Game Rooms, every evening except Sunday.

PUBLIC BATHS.

When the municipal bath house at the North End opened in April, 1909, arrangements were made to close the public bath rooms of the Union. The demand for this service, however, continued, so the rooms were kept open tentatively until the value of this demand could be determined. A comparison of the receipts of the year just closed with the previous year shows a falling off of only ten per cent.

CLUBS.

All Clubs are based on the small group plan, seldom more than fifteen in number. Every club is self-governing, electing its own officers and making its own constitution and rules of government.

The Club supervisor has no vote and acts only in an advisory way.

Concerted action, team play, is essential to success, and the education thus received is an excellent preliminary training for civic life.

DRESSMAKING CLASSES.

The aim in the dressmaking classes is not only to give thorough and systematic instruction in cutting and making, but also to provide, for those to whom the cost of suitable wearing apparel is a serious item, an opportunity to cut and make their own clothes under intelligent direction.

To facilitate the making of garments a machine stitcher and sewing machines for individual use are provided; and, if desired, material is bought, repayment for same being made in small installments.

DENTAL CLINIC.

The dental clinic established in 1907 under the auspices of Tufts Dental College is continued and has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene Council.

It has two chairs and a fair equipment of instruments. Dr. Robert S. Catheron in charge. A small fee for the service is required.

The importance of dental hygiene is beginning to be more generally appreciated. "Neglect of the whole mouth in childhood lays the foundation for obstinate trouble in later life."

Through the co-operation, interest and persistent effort of the Hancock School nurse and teachers, this dental service is being extended on the basis of hygienic values, as well as to render immediate relief.

MODIFIED MILK.

The Union is one of the stations for the distribution of modified milk for babies, maintained by the Milk and Baby Hygiene Committee.

Two nurses, provided by the committee, distribute the milk, keep careful records of all babies, visit them in their homes, advise mothers as to care and feeding, and attend many other details which make for efficient service.

The Union assumes the responsibility of accounting for all cash received from the sale of milk (over \$300 a month) and the expense of a cashier.

A baby clinic is held twice a week.

PLAY ROOM.

The play room aims not only to provide indoor opportunity during the winter months for free play, but to relieve working mothers of the necessary care of their children for a time.

TRADE SCHOOLS.

The Schools of Plumbing and Printing are distinctly trade schools, and are directly identified with the trades.

No one is admitted into the Plumbing School unless he is at work at that business, and it is required that his application for admission to the school shall be signed by his employer. Fee for fifty lessons is \$10. Monday and Wednesday evenings. Diplomas given to those who satisfactorily complete the course, which takes variously from one to three years, depending on the individual.

The Printing School has a twelve months' course, eight hours daily. Pupils must be at least sixteen years old, and before admission have agreed to be apprenticed to some employing printer, after three months' trial in the school to determine fitness. The one year in the school counts as one of the five years of apprenticeship. Employing printers of Boston have general charge and supervision of the school. The tuition is \$100 for the year.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

REV. F. RAYMOND STURTEVANT, Minister.

The growth of Channing Church during the past year has been intensive rather than extensive. We have reached out about as far as present conditions and equipment permit and have tried as many new enterprises in connection with our work as have seemed feasible. The year, however, shows a decided gain in the normal development of the parish society. Each year has seen a gradual progress toward a larger self-consciousness, not only in the better organization of the society, but also in the better financial co-operation with the Fraternity. Our aim has been to reach the point of growth when the society could pay all its current expenses except, of course, the minister's salary. This has at last been done and may be looked at as the great achievement of the year. The society and its minister feel a peculiar satisfaction in this achievement; it indicates the good gradual growth and the present stability of the organization as well as the continued loyalty of its people. A small neighborhood church of about one hundred and twenty-five families, less than half of which are able to contribute, cannot hope for very large financial results; but it is safe to predict that Channing Church will now continue to take care of these current expenses from year to year.

The general work of the Church has continued with good success. The Sunday School has at present a membership of seventy, most of whom are young children, which promises well for next year's increase. There is a thriving kindergarten class, as usual, of twenty-five members. The School enjoyed again the kind hospitality of the Arlington Street Sunday School this year, joining in the children's service on Easter Sunday; and a children's ser-



INTERIOR OF CHANNING CHURCH.

vice was held at our own Church last winter. The usual services of worship have been held through the year and have been very well attended, the average attendance at the morning services being between sixty and seventy, and at the monthly evening services between seventy and eighty, though sometimes reaching much higher. In addition we have held a monthly evening service for the young people, a new feature this year, which has proved exceptionally popular and profitable. The girls' chorus still serve us at our regular services of worship under an efficient and faithful organist.

The various clubs, the Women's Alliance, the Men's Club, the Young People's Guild and the Juvenile Society have all contributed to the work of the Church. The Men's Club is just completing its first year. It has done much to bring the men of the parish together, and the addresses which have been heard at the monthly meetings have proved helpful and instructive. The Guild has held its usual meetings and has given two entertainments for the benefit of the Church. The Alliance has had a busy and successful year, taking charge of parish suppers and socials, visiting the sick and providing flowers for them, contributing generously to the finances of the Church, answering all outside appeals, and joining as usual in the summer work of the Fruit and Flower Mission.

One of the most successful events of the year was the parish Fair, held last February. The main part of the building was closed, and the gymnasium and dining room only were used for the occasion. The parish turned out loyally and, with the aid of our friends, the Fair was made the best, socially and financially, that we have ever had, with one exception—and that was several years ago. Although it rained on the second day, over two hundred and thirty dollars was cleared.

Other pleasant events have served to make the social life of the parish happy this year. Among others, the enjoyable entertainment given by the Herford Club of the

Arlington Street Church, the Harvest Supper, the dramatic entertainment by the young people, and the annual Ladies' Night of the Men's Club. One of the most important occasions of the year is the Musical Festival under the direction of the Music Committee which this year has been postponed until May and will be given this coming week. A trained chorus of about thirty voices, supplemented by instrumental music, furnished with few exceptions, by members of the parish will make up the program, the music, as last year, being largely of a religious nature.

Several new families have been added to the parish this year, but, as some have moved away, the total remains about the same. Nine persons have signed the covenant and were admitted to the membership of the Church on Easter Sunday.

At the annual meeting of the parish the same officers who have served so faithfully for the past three years were re-elected. The report of the treasurer showed that during the year \$890.12 had been raised to meet current expenses, which, with last year's balance of \$133.32 made the total income of the year \$1023.44, by far the largest that we have ever had. The total expenses of the year were \$853.06, leaving a satisfactory balance, to carry on the work until next season, of \$170.38. The larger part of our income was from the subscriptions. Three years ago we had only thirty-seven subscribers. Last year seventy-five sets of envelopes were given out and these subscriptions, together with the cash collections, were enough to cover the weekly expense of the janitor and the organist. The individual subscriptions are all small, but they indicate the wholesome condition of the society. The expense account may suggest the economy with which the work has been carried on; for the janitor, \$300; for coal, \$155.25; for electric lighting, \$66.67; for music, \$207.21; for printing, \$40; and the rest, for minor incidental expenses.

These things, however, only show the material growth and the outward aspect of our work. It is impossible, in

a report like this, to speak adequately of what, after all, is the whole purpose of this enterprise, and of what it means not only to our own people, but to those outside whom we reach in our ministry-at-large. Small as our work may seem, it counts for much in this neighborhood. Counsel and cheer and, through the generous bounty of the "Tuckerman Circle," material help are brought to many homes. Only this last week I heard from two families with whom we had labored long and sometimes in despair. They are now well on their feet, the fathers, in each case, free from the drink habit and in steady employment. We came to them at a time when, without our help, the families would have had to be broken up and the children placed out. Such results as this are satisfying. They have nothing to do with the building up of our Church society, but much with the building up of the Kingdom of God.

FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT,

Minister.

May 1, 1910.

Morgan Memorial

Shawmut Avenue and Corning Street

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REV. W. H. BEERS, Assistant Minister.

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Fifteen years ago when the present minister was sent to the old Morgan chapel nearly every house on certain streets in that vicinity were used to shelter the most repulsive vice. It was the "red light" district. Today vice is almost eliminated from that vicinity. Into these houses have settled a poor, but for the most part self-respecting, working people.

The persons formerly attending the old chapel were nearly all men, who were inveigled to the services by being served a morning breakfast and afterwards being compelled to stay to the preaching.

The congregations that now attend Morgan Memorial are decent, respectable, hard-working men and women who contribute yearly about \$1,200 to the support of the church and its benevolences. Fifteen years ago there were very few children that crossed the threshold of the old chapel. Today more than 1,000 different boys and girls belong to some of the manifold activities carried on there for children.

What has brought it all about?

First we tore down. The morning breakfasts were discontinued. All begging was discountenanced. Work tests were offered to those applying for relief. Shower baths were put in for those who wanted to mend their ways and be clean. Temperance meetings and entertainments were inaugurated. An industrial school for children was further developed. A vacation school was inaugurated for children being corrupted by the dirty, immoral streets.

When vacation was over and school began the minister found a score or more of babies left upon the church steps. Investigation showed there was no one at home to take care of them. The parents must needs go out and work for their support and could not take the babies with them. During the vacation school, the older children brought their baby brothers and sisters to our place. Vacation over, the babies came toddling back through force of habit. We did what we believe Jesus would have done—we took them up in our arms and blessed them. In time the necessary help was

secured. The stove in the kitchen was lighted every day and a wholesome meal was provided for the child of every mother who would give us five cents for the care and keep of her baby. The cushions from the unoccupied gallery were brought down and placed in the settees in the vestry and in this primitive way was our Day Nursery begun. During the thirteen years our present matron has been in charge of the Morgan Memorial Day Nursery she has been like a mother to more than 1,500 different needy babies. She has been an inspiring, improving influence among the hundreds of mothers of a dozen different nationalities who needed just the common sense information she has been able to give them in the care and training of their children. No agency of the Morgan Memorial has been more fruitful in breaking down the prejudices of ignorant superstition than this day nursery.

Along with the Day Nursery it was found desirable to maintain a Kindergarten for older children who needed our sheltering care and were unable to attend the public kindergarten on account of dangerous street car tracks or other obstacles. Almost from the first has the Chauncy Hall Training School supplied us free of charge with kindergarten teachers.

The concerts and entertainments that were inaugurated to provide the people with something better than the saloon revealed to us a great hunger on the part of the changing neighborhood for music. In this way arose the Morgan Memorial School of Music. The church organist had little difficulty to secure the assistance of many competent teachers in voice and string and wind instruments. Many hundreds of boys and girls and young women have had brought into their lives through this preparatory school the refining power of music.

Clubs and social and industrial classes were inaugurated for the boys and girls as they began to come to the Morgan Memorial in increasing numbers. At last even our new building failed to accommodate the great number. Moreover, this form of work did not mix well with the increasing

religious work for adults. Now, one whole house adjacent and part of another are needed to shelter these additional excellent children's enterprises. Prejudice against the Morgan Memorial has so subsided that hundreds of children are now attending the religious exercises maintained for them in our Sunday School and Children's Church and class meetings.

The summer vacation school is not confined any longer to a few hundred looked after in the city, but has developed into one of the largest summer camps in the state. The principle underlying our summer Farm Colony at South Athol is the removal of the children, not for two weeks, but for **two months** from the demoralizing and health-destroying influences of the city to the every way refining and health-giving atmosphere of the country. Out there in God's open with sufficient work in the garden, with a few hours of industrial training, and a sufficient amount of wholesome entertainment and religious instruction, these 150 boys and girls and men and women experience one of the most inspiring influences in their lives.

The entertainments and temperance meetings of Morgan Memorial have had a most encouraging development through the years. With the help of the Massachusetts Temperance Society we have established a Temperance Saloon. Out of the habitués of the Temperance Saloon have been organized a Brotherhood. These reformed men have done much in keeping their members from relapsing. With the farm and branch rug factory at South Athol we are affording these men a release from many unwholesome influences in the city and giving to them an uplift that makes for character and subsequent good citizenship.

The problem we face is largely an industrial problem. Many would not lapse into crime or become recipients of public charity if they only had the right advice and the encouraging word at the critical moment.

The minister of Morgan Memorial was sent to this poverty stricken parish without the appropriation of a single dollar for poor relief. Our revered Miss Emmons

regularly received from the Tuckerman Circle an annual appropriation of about \$100. This she generously shared with the minister among the cases demanding immediate material assistance. Kind people knowing our needs often sent us second-hand clothing. For some time this was given outright to needy applicants. It was soon found much better for the self-respect of the recipient, to charge a small price for these things, either in service or money. The money obtained enabled us to hire needy people to put the garments into a more serviceable condition. Five years ago this work had become so large that it took the entire time of three or four helpers to manage it. The receipts and expenditures had increased to several thousand dollars a year. In order to give more work and train the workers in skill, rug making, basket weaving, etc., were introduced.

The responsibility was larger than the minister desired to take alone. The sub-committee of the Joint Board on this feature of the work thereupon advised the incorporation of another Society to manage these enterprises. The new organization was incorporated in 1905 and the Joint Board endorsed it. The wisdom of this action has been apparent. Greater energy was immediately put into the collection of clothing, etc., a better system was introduced in repairing and selling the same, greater skill was manifested in the manufacture of the rugs. The number of poor persons to whom self-respecting labor could be given was greatly multiplied and the efficiency was augmented by the added number of workers. As an evidence of the progress made it may be well to note that 1,647 different needy persons have obtained work at the Morgan Memorial the past year and there has been paid out for them in wages the sum of \$19,540.51. This has been paid out of \$10,250.88 worth of rugs manufactured, of \$16,670.95 worth of clothing and shoes sold, of \$2,512.46 from the sale of paper, metals, rubber, etc. This organization has been paying through the Benevolent Fraternity \$1,200 for the rooms it occupies. Its 44 employees serve as missionaries and helpers in our children's work, temperance and religious meetings, etc.

The development of the work has necessitated new houses every year. Besides the Fresh Air Farm and camps the Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores now own seven houses adjacent to the main building. Upon this there are mortgages amounting to \$10,000.

Another fact your delegates will be glad to recognize. Since the organization of the Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores, Inc., persons, through their interest in it, have become so interested in the general work that they have contributed \$3,500 toward the reduction of the mortgage on the main building.

Occasionally some one remarks—Ought a minister to give so much time to old clothes, carpets, etc.? The pulpit is an essential part of the Morgan Memorial work. It would be a miserable failure were it not that the Morgan was an “inspirational” Church and taught “the life was more than meat and the body than raiment.” Unless the depths of these people can be stirred, unless they can be rightly adjusted to God and to their fellows all this material assistance is prone to failure.. We believe in conversions that open up new vibrations in brain, affections and will. These vibrations are not always started in the pulpit. Sometimes a hard experience drives a man to consider his deeper needs. Oftentimes it is the personal word of a friend that does most of all. My friends, while these workers of the Morgan are selected for their ability to perform special functions not one is chosen unless he has the additional quality of being “a fisher of men.” Through these helpers Morgan Memorial is giving the personal, christian touch to thousands it could reach in no other way.

E. J. HELMS, Minister.

Parker Memorial

11 Appleton Street.

Joint Committee Appointed by the Fraternity and Hale House.

HENRY B. SAWYER, Chairman

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REV. EDWARD CUMMINGS

ARTHUR W. MOORS

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM

ROBERT A. WOODS

HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN, Secretary

HARRY B. TAPLIN, Superintendent.

MISS KATE B. LITTLEFIELD, Secretary.

The work at Parker Memorial during the past year has proceeded along the line of the general policy which was carefully decided upon and definitely outlined by the Joint Committee when the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches entered into the arrangement with the Hale House Association for the extension of activities at Parker Memorial. It has been felt that a consistent policy of development was most essential, and that effective co-operation with other agencies would insure the largest and most lasting results. The necessity of getting more closely in touch each year with the immediate neighborhood has also been emphasized, and a practical study of the present needs and opportunities is being made.

Parker Memorial is coming more and more to be the one large social centre of the South End, which brings together every week many hundreds of people representing almost all walks of life. The list of activities extends all the way from kindergartens to university lectures, and there is a wide range of selection in between. The aim is to be as comprehensive and inclusive as possible so as to appeal to all types, and at the same time to be thoroughly practical in all branches.



COOKING CLASS, PARKER MEMORIAL.

Several alterations and repairs have been made in the building in order to make it more serviceable, and these have helped make the general administration more effective. The large plant is now used every day for so many purposes for which it was not intended when it was constructed, that the problem of making adequate adjustments, and of providing for proper supervision has been large and pressing. However, with the addition to our staff of Mr. Frederick N. Cooke, Jr., the associate superintendent, who has given his entire time to the development of the work at Parker Memorial, the practical problem of administration is being rapidly solved, and several new undertakings of large interest have been begun.

The most important of these undertakings is the organization of the new Boston Civic Club, a group of fifty young men who have banded themselves together to promote practical interest in civic welfare. Most of these young men have been connected with some one of the Boston Settlements, especially Hale House, Lincoln House, and Ellis Memorial, and the influence of their Settlement training and experience will be felt in this general co-operative movement which they have set on foot. The Club makes use of the lower hall for its larger meetings, and has fitted up two small rooms for social purposes. The object of the Club is "to bring together in a social way men interested in promoting the welfare of the City of Boston, and to serve as a place where members may meet informally and at which prominent speakers may be heard, and questions of civic interest discussed." The young men have taken hold of their work with enthusiasm and are outlining a program for another year, which promises interesting and important results.

Groups of boys and girls living right around Parker Memorial have been attracted to our activities, and a successful start has been made in building up a future neighborhood membership. This is most important for our development as a true social centre. A successful

sewing class for girls has met regularly on Saturday mornings, and two gymnastic classes have been organized for boys. These new classes have been very popular, and it will be a small matter to add to them another year.

Social workers were especially urged this year to assist the United States Government in taking the national census and three from our staff responded to the appeal. This has given them an opportunity not only to be of real assistance to the Bureau of the Census, but also to learn much regarding city conditions, as it has taken them into the homes of the people.

Owing to the unique situation of our building, we have been able to minister to three entirely distinct groups on Sundays. In the morning, Miss Virginia Tufts, with her assistants, has conducted a special kindergarten for the little children who do not go to any of the neighboring Sunday Schools, and this has been well attended throughout the season. In the afternoon, Mr. Samuel B. Finkel, with the assistance of the Local Committee, has carried on a series of popular lectures on a wide range of subjects. The audience, which at first was small, grew in size until it entirely filled the hall. These lectures were always preceded by a half hour of good music, which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended, most of whom live in the South End east of Washington Street. The third activity was the Sunday afternoon concerts, which were all of a very high order, and which appealed to music-lovers everywhere. This was the second season under the successful direction of Mr. H. G. Tucker, and these concerts have become so well-known that we hope they may become a regular institution for the South End.

The regular class work along industrial and vocational lines, under the direction of Miss Kate B. Littlefield, has attracted large numbers, the total registration being 434; 120 in millinery, 93 in dressmaking, 32 in cooking, 18 in physical culture, and 171 in dancing. The growth of interest in cooking this season has been especially encouraging;

also the fresh interest in plain sewing, a new class having been organized in this department. These classes are of great assistance both to those who wish vocational training and for those who wish to make use of their instruction in their own homes. Other classes at Parker Memorial for children and young people have been conducted in sloyd, clay-modeling, dancing, gymnastics, and music. There have also been club privileges for groups of young people, and as usual many opportunities for social gatherings.

One of the most important of our functions has been to assist in promoting better team-work among the many organizations engaged in social work. The Boston Social Union, which is a federation of sixteen Settlements, continues to make large use of Parker Memorial, and a large number of those Settlements have had the privilege of using our halls and rooms for special occasions. We continue to co-operate with the South End Improvement Society, Associated Charities, Brooke House, Y. W. C. A., Franklin Union, Franklin Square House, and with many local societies and clubs in the common practical undertakings affecting this part of the city.

HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN,
Superintendent.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

Through the cordial co-operation of its many friends, the Flower Mission reports a successful season from Tuesday, May 31st to Friday, Sept. 16th,—a period of sixteen weeks with distributions twice a week, being deemed a rational and satisfactory limit.

While the work feels the need, as do other similar philanthropies, of a larger corps of volunteer workers as visitors, the committee feels grateful to the small band of faithful friends who were regular in their attendance during the warm days of the past summer, to help arrange and distribute the contributions. In this work the District Nurses also always play a welcome part, being willing to carry an extra bag or basket for the eggs and fruit the Flower Mission is glad to contribute toward the ever-increasing need of nourishment for the convalescent and incurable poor.

Among those to whom the Mission feels grateful for generous and regular contributions during the season are—the Meeting House Hill Church, an ever faithful and loyal supporter, which, combining with Channing Church of Dorchester, sent thousands of perfectly tied bouquets every Tuesday; to one of the parishioners of the first named Church, who, annually, during the early and brief lilac season, cuts the choicest and most bountiful supply of these old-fashioned blooms to gladden the city eyes; to the energetic Altrurian Club of Shirley, which begins with the June flowers and finishes with Thanksgiving jellies; to the Newtonville Woman's Guild; the Social Service of the West Newton Unitarian Church; the Chestnut Hill Union; the Junior Alliance of the Unitarian Church of

Arlington; the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Congregational Churches of Dorchester; the Neighborhood House of Jamaica Plain; the King's Daughters of Abington; the Walpole Women's Club, and Sunday Schools; the Lawrence Union of the Third Religious Society, Dorchester, and to the residents of Milton, Melrose, Medford, Northboro, Falmouth, Canton, Weymouth, Highland Station, Beverly Farms, West Manchester, Wellesley, Oak Hill, Brookline, Hingham, Dorchester, Lancaster, Dedham, Nahant and Marblehead who have sent many rare and beautiful contributions from private estates. All these good friends frequently add many fine, fresh vegetables to their floral contributions and these, combined with the fresh eggs, and all the fruits of the season, contributed through the generosity of two ladies, enabled the directors of the work to give practical comfort to many of its private cases.

To all these good friends, and to many more, whose occasional modest offerings cannot always be recorded on paper, the Flower Mission feels that it owes a large indebtedness.

There is no form of benevolent work in which the volunteer visitors, if they choose, can come so closely to the real need of the really poor as in Flower Mission Work, and there is no more satisfactory method of distributing cheerfulness and friendliness in far-reaching and abundant measure than the sending forth of the overflowing, fragrant baskets of lilacs, syringas, June roses, pansies, golden rod, bay-berry and sweet fern, and everything else that grows in the golden summer. To the little incurable cripple who has never seen and may never see the growing flowers in all their glory; to the aged woman alone in her little room who has seen them in her youth, but will never see them on earth again; to the blind who yearn for their fragrance, and to our foreign poor who yearn for their cheerful color, the smallest nosegays bring not only a tangible pleasure but the unspeakable joy also, of a free gift from a friendly source.

The institutions to which flowers have been sent are: Berkeley Infirmary, South End Day Nursery, South Boston Day Nursery, Sunnyside Day Nursery, North Bennet Street Nursery, Boston Consumptive Hospital, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Floating Hospital, Plymouth Hospital, Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston Dispensary, Pope Dispensary, Morgan Memorial, Seaman's Friend Society, Sailors' Haven, Home for Aged Colored Women, the vacation schools, playgrounds and vacation Bible schools, Robert Gould Shaw House, Roxbury Neighborhood House, Elizabeth Peabody House, East Boston neighborhood work, Hawthorne Club, Sun Court Milk and Baby Hygiene Association, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Animal Rescue League, District Nursing Association, and Church of Our Father, East Boston.

This work has been under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln, with Miss Maria B. Brown, Miss Kate B. Littlefield and Mrs. J. E. Savell in charge—alternately.

The expenses of the Flower Mission are met by private contributions sent to the treasurer of the Fraternity, Mr. William P. Fowler, largely from the friends and supporters of the work since its first inception as the Boston Flower Mission under the direction of Miss Helen Tinkham.

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The Fraternity



SAMUEL HOBART WINKLEY.

April 5, 1819—August 1, 1911.

Rev. Samuel Hobart Winkley entered the Ministry at large in 1846 and served the cause he loved with rare fidelity, devotion and success for fifty years, first at Pitts Street Chapel, afterwards at Bulfinch Place Chapel. He then retired from active service, but continued his interest and helpful work, as Pastor-Emeritus, to the end. Thus for sixty-five years he was faithful to the heavenly vision and lived a man's true life. He was an inspiration to his brother ministers, a friend to all mankind, a loving, trustful son of God. His never-failing message was that of good will and good cheer. All over this land are those who rise up and call him blessed.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

Board of Directors--1911-1912

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COURTENAY GUILD

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Room 726, No. 18 Tremont Street, Boston.

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Year of 1911-1912.

Committee on Finance

**MESSRS. CUMMINGS, FROTHINGHAM, FOWLER, GUILD
AND MOORS.**

Committee on North End Union

MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM AND GUILD AND MRS. SHAW.

Committee on Bulfinch Place Church

MESSRS. MOORS, GERRY AND VAN NESS.

Committee on Channing Church

MESSRS. ROBINSON AND VAN NESS AND MRS. LINCOLN.

Committee on Parker Memorial

MESSRS. BROWN, MOORS AND FROTHINGHAM

Committee on General Work

MESSRS. FROTHINGHAM AND MOORS.

Committee on Care and Repairs of Buildings

MESSRS. FOWLER AND ROBINSON.

Committee on Poor's Purse.

MESSRS. FOWLER AND CUMMINGS.

Committee on Fruit and Flower Mission

MRS. LINCOLN, MRS. SHAW AND MR. FOWLER

The Board of Directors holds its regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month, except July, August and September.

List of Delegates
OF THE
BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON.
1911-1912.

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH.

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MRS. ROBERT G. SHAW.....151 Commonwealth Avenue
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ERNEST JACKSON.....383 Beacon Street
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REV. CHARLES E. PARK.....347 Marlborough Street
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DELANO WIGHT.....342 Tremont Building
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REV. THOMAS VAN NESS.....3 Gordon Terrace, Garrison Road,
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MISS ADELAIDE E. WADSWORTH.....10 West Cedar Street

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REV. JAMES HUXTABLE.....568 East Fifth Street, South Boston
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HARRY W. DAVIS.....6 Mt. Pleasant Terrace, Roxbury
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REV. ERNEST S. MEREDITH.....75 Park Street, West Roxbury
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MS. JOHN A. WHITTEMORE.....Hastings Street, West Roxbury
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DR. M. ORDWAY DALY....1119 Adams Street, Dorchester Centre
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MRS. J. HENRY WOODS.....Brighton

MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held on the evenings of the second Sunday of October, December and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Report of Executive Committee

The past year has been one of unusual activity on the part of the Executive Committee. In addition to the regular monthly meetings there have been seven extra or special meetings and conferences.

One of the first matters of importance to come to its attention was the situation existing at Morgan Memorial. In addition to the usual deficit to be met at this Chapel was a demand by the Franklin Savings Bank holder of the first mortgage on the church property that this mortgage be reduced by a payment of \$10,000 on the principal. The interest was already overdue.

In order to more full understand the situation, the Executive Committee had an investigation of the work being done at Morgan Memorial made by Miss Emma W. Lee, who furnished a written report of her inquiry. This report criticised some of the relief work being done by the Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores incorporated.

This corporation, so closely allied with the Morgan Memorial work and identified by many as one and the same, is an independent organization not under the control of the Joint Board of Unitarians and Methodists. Its activities are many; some of the departments, namely the rug making and sale of old clothes, doing a large amount of business. It has accumulated in Boston and at South Athol, Massachusetts, property which is valued at \$30,000.

Conferences were held by the Heads of the Benevolent Fraternity, the Methodist Missionary and Church Extension Society and the Morgan Memorial Co-operative Industries and Stores, Inc., and also by the Executive Committees of the above named organizations with an idea of putting

the whole Morgan Memorial work under a single board of management and re-adjusting the financial arrangement by making a more equal distribution of the amounts contributed by the allied organizations.

Negotiations were carried on for a long period with the hope that a satisfactory arrangement might be perfected.

In the meantime the Franklin Savings Bank had foreclosed the first mortgage amounting to \$40,000 and accrued interest. The Benevolent Fraternity paid the second mortgage of \$4500, which it had guaranteed.

A committee appointed by the Joint Board of Unitarian and Methodists undertook another investigation of the work being done at Morgan Memorial. This committee has not yet presented its written report to your Executive Committee, although repeated requests have been made for it.

After careful consideration by the Executive Committee a resolution and a report were adopted by which the Benevolent Fraternity was to withdraw from the active management of Morgan Memorial after May 1st, 1911. In withdrawing the Executive Committee believed that it should stand ready to give such financial assistance as might be needed during the fiscal year ending May 1, 1911 to May 1, 1912, not exceeding \$2000.

This resolution and report were subsequently accepted and approved by the Delegates.

Reports from Bulfinch Place Church, Channing Church, Parker Memorial and North End Union show that good work and encouraging results are being accomplished at our various Chapels.

It is with regret that we announce that Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant who for five years has worked so faithfully and efficiently at Channing Church has received a formal call to the First Parish of Taunton, Massachusetts.

The Flower Mission had a successful season's work,

collecting and distributing thousands of bouquets of flowers as well as fruits, jellies, etc.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Frederic O. North for many years a valued member of the Executive Committee.

Another matter which has taken a great deal of the time and consideration of this Committee has been the arranging of the necessary details in bringing about a proposed union of the Benevolent Fraternity and the Greater Boston Unitarian Council.

A new set of by-laws were proposed for the Benevolent Fraternity. These by-laws have been discussed by the Executive Committee and by the Delegates at meetings especially called for that purpose, and in their amended and revised form are to be presented to this meeting for your consideration and adoption.

N. WINTHROP ROBINSON,
Recording Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1911.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,655.00
Income from investments	13,394.28
Contributions from friends	155.00
Contributions from churches	4,910.78
Contribution from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches	
Fruit and Flower Mission	138.00
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	\$21,553.06

We have also received the following bequests and gifts to establish special funds.

Legacy under will of Nancy E. Rust.....	\$1,000.00
Thomas Gaffield Fund (additional from sale of land)....	500.00
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	\$1,500.00

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,700.00	
City of Boston, 1910 tax	308.32	\$5,008.32
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Rents received	1,655.00	
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Net expense	\$3,353.32	
Amount carried forward.....		\$5,008.32

Amount brought forward.....		\$5,008.32
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North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00
Rents received	700.00	
Net expense	\$4,000.00	

Channing Church

Net expense	\$40.67	
Administrative expenses		\$692.84
Care and repair of buildings		596.47
Insurance		235.78

Sundries.

Printing Annual Report	\$100.00
Examination of Treasurer's books	25.00
Expenditure	\$25,696.11
Income	21,553.06
Deficit	\$4,143.05
Net gain on securities disposed of	17.50
Actual deficit	\$4,125.55

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions.

Arlington Street Church	\$2,330.78
King's Chapel	950.00
South Congregational Church	850.00
First Church in Boston	325.00
Second Church in Boston	200.00
First Parish, Dorchester	150.00
Church of the Disciples	56.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	29.00
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00

\$4,910.78

For Bulfinch Place Church,

Home Contribution	\$300.00
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Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100.00	
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00	
W. H. P. Robbins	20.00	
R. G. Fessenden	10.00	\$155.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1911, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE,

Auditor.

Boston, May 4, 1911.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, Assistants.

The most interesting feature, and certainly one of the most important parts of the work at Bulfinch Place Church is the Howard Sunday School, to which special attention has been recently called by the erection of a Memorial Tablet, of which a picture is given in this report.

Founded in 1826, immediately after the beginning of Dr. Tuckerman's ministry, picturesque in its origin, unique in its individuality and independence, remarkable for the loyalty and length of service of its teachers, it deserves honorable mention at this time, when its friends have told its story in enduring bronze. A few facts, not upon the tablet, may be given here. It was founded and organized by laymen, of whom the first were Frederick T. Gray and Benjamin H. Greene. It was named by one of its first teachers, Mr. S. G. Simpkins, after the philanthropist, John Howard. In its eighty-five years, it has had but four superintendents, and one of these served only three years. Maintaining its independence from the beginning, it has co-operated most loyally with the ministry-at-large, and through its teachers raised most of the money for the successive buildings, in Friend Street, Pitts Street, and Bulfinch Place, in which that ministry has been carried on. In this respect it is unique, as most Sunday Schools are merely adjuncts of their churches while this one has been certainly at times the inspiration and support of that with which it was connected. If today it holds a position more like other schools, it is worth recording that when, in 1904, the present church

THE HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE THIRD FOUNDED IN BOSTON
UNDER UNITARIAN AUSPICES
WAS ANTEDATED ONLY BY THE
WEST CHURCH AND HANCOCK SCHOOLS
AND ORGANIZED BY TEACHERS OF THE LATTER

EARLY ON A COLD MORNING DEC. 10, 1828
SEVEN TEACHERS AND THREE SCHOLARS
HELD THE FIRST SESSION
IN AN OLD PAINT SHOP

ON MERRIMAC AND PORTLAND STREETS
THUS BEGAN THE HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL
OF WHICH THE CONSTANT AIM HAS BEEN
BY THE STUDY AND APPLICATION OF CHRISTIANITY
TO DEVELOP THE HIGHER LIFE

CLOSELY AFFILIATED WITH THE MINISTRY-AT-LARGE
THE SCHOOL HAS EVER MAINTAINED
ITS INDEPENDENCE AND INDIVIDUALITY

IN GRATEFUL COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDERS
AND OF THOSE WHO ZEALOUSLY AND FAITHFULLY
HAVE UPHELD ITS IDEALS
THIS TABLET IS ERECTED

A. D. 1911

HOWARD SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORIAL.

building was remodeled at a cost of \$15,000, this was made possible largely by the enthusiasm and generosity of its past and present teachers. Chief among these were John Rayner Edmands, Fanny M. Faulkner, Grace E. Reed, Martha P. Winkley, Annette P. Rogers, Mrs. Henry S. Grew, Mrs. W. S. Fitz, Mrs. Henry Pickering, names which recall families whose continuance in well-doing covers practically the entire life of this School. It was in grateful memory of these and many others that the tablet referred to was erected.

The Howard Sunday School, therefore, fills a large place in the work of Bulfinch Place Church and the past year has been no exception in its useful career. Including teachers, it has had a membership of 204. The largest attendance was 163 on Easter. Both figures show a decided increase over the preceding year. All the special festivals, Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Memorial Sunday, Flower Sunday, have been largely attended and in every way successful. The regular work from Sunday to Sunday has been continued, with two teachers' meetings each week, occasional entertainments, the annual Supper in March and the Lend-a-Hand Festival in May. Regular collections for the Children's Mission have been taken every Sunday, with special gifts at Christmas and Easter, amounting in all to over \$80. A "Home Department" is maintained, with forty members not included in the regular enrollment, but who study the lessons at home. A card of Bible readings for each vacation Sunday was distributed when the School closed in June, to continue its influence during the summer. Many of the children and adult members also were taken to the seashore or country for day outings. Constant efforts are made all the year to interest the classes not only in their lessons but in practical service for others. The School is to have a "Mother Cocse Table", and "An Old Curiosity Shop" at the Alliance Fair in November, and next winter each class will be assigned a special subject for study, in addition to the regular lessons, along the lines of social ser-

vice, as for example, The Peace Movement, Our Dumb Animals, Child Labor, The Newsboys' House, Dr. Grenfell's Work, The Kindergarten for the Blind. About once a month the lessons have been reviewed with Reflectoscope pictures. By constant visiting, by advice and material assistance where it is needed and by organizing Lend-a-Hand clubs, the personal influence of the teachers is brought to bear, not only on Sundays but at all times. The ideal of the School, as so well expressed on the Memorial Tablet, is not merely instruction but the development of the higher life, that its members may become good and useful citizens.

I have dwelt thus at length upon the Howard Sunday School because just now it is the subject uppermost in our minds and because so many of our church activities centre there. But the other organizations of the church must not be omitted, though it be only for a few words to each. The Women's Alliance, the Winkley Guild, the Eliot Circle, have held regular meetings as in preceding years and have kept us in close and helpful touch with the larger interests of the denomination—witness the Anniversary Week luncheons, our meeting of the Sunday School Teachers Union in December, the Boston Federation in February and the Eliot Circle Fair and Christmas Party. Our own church members have met three times during the winter for supper and a devotional service, with an average attendance of fifty. "Our Work", a parish paper, has been published every month during the season, supported by subscriptions or special gifts. A new hardwood floor has been laid in the parlors, costing \$125 (including carpet rugs) and this we owe to our own societies and the Howard S. S. Club. Twelve stereopticon lectures have been given successfully to the neighborhood. The gymnasium has been in use eight or nine times each week, for classes and neighborhood clubs, with larger numbers and better results than ever before. The "Saturday Evening" for boys, with games and reading, has continued with from twenty to thirty present each evening. The Sphinx Club classes on Saturday mornings were

held from Oct. 15 to May 1, with more than a hundred children, chiefly from the northern suburbs, where such instruction cannot be obtained. The work of the Flower Mission on Fridays (Benevolent Fraternity) and Tuesdays (Mutual Helpers) has gone on during the summer months, and vacation outings, day excursions or for longer periods, have been regularly planned. The Red, White and Blue Club, Sr., responsible for the Saturday evening work, the R. W. B. Club Jr. and eight other clubs, large or small, have done social and Lend-a-hand service. The minister and his assistants have been kept busy, not only serving this church and its members or regulating its special activities, but by many outside calls for friendly and ministerial services.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

The North End Union

20 Parmenter Street.

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street

Local Board of Directors—

Edward A. Horton, Chairman, Julia W. Frothingham, Ida Mason, Abby S. Perry, Mrs. W. Scot Fitz, Paul R. Frothingham, Edwin D. Mead, Arthur W. Moore, Leonard Tufts, Samuel F. Hubbard.

Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent.

Miss Mary P. Ingall, Miss Edna Stocker, Assistants.

Fraternity Sub-Committee—

Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Courtenay Guild, Mrs. Robert G. Shaw.

Children's House Committee—

Miss J. W. Frothingham, Miss Ida Mason, Miss A. S. Perry, Miss Helen Sharp.

The School of Printing—

Apprenticeship Committee of the Boston Typothetae Board of Trade: Henry P. Porter, George H. Ellis, J. W. Phinney.

The North End Union is now rounding out its twentieth year of continuous work with the boys and girls and young people of the North End, and it may not be amiss at this time to refer to the various changes, both as to names and locations, which the work of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches at the North End has undergone since its inception.

It began its work in the fall of 1854 in the upper hall of the Old Hancock School Building on Hanover Street, now Police Station Number 1. Two years later better accommodations were found at 164 Hanover Street, where the work continued until 1876, when it was removed to number 175, the same street. During all this time and until 1884 was known as the "Hanover Street Mission."

In that year the Fraternity, having bought St. Mark's



COMPLIMENTARY DINNER, COMMEMORATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE FOUNDING OF THE NORTH END UNION, BOSTON CITY CLUB, MAY 2, 1911.

Chapel on Parmenter Street, and improved it by an expenditure of about \$5,000, transferred the "Hanover Street Mission" to this place, and it was then called the "Parmenter Street Chapel."

The moving, shifting population which had been in process since 1845, and the influx of foreigners unable to speak the English language, made it necessary finally to radically reorganize the work.

The distinctly "mission work," and the name which suggested it, "Parmenter Street Chapel," were given up, and instead, activities more in keeping with the needs of the neighborhood were begun January 1, 1892, under the name of the "North End Union." A layman, in place of an ordained minister, was selected as superintendent.

In 1894 the building was remodeled at an expense of more than \$11,000, due largely to the energy and generous kindness of one of its Directors, Mr. James W. Tufts.

Of the original Board of Directors, four are still members: Rev. Edward A. Horton, Mr. Edwin D. Mead, Miss Julia W. Frothingham and Miss Ida Mason.

As superintendent of the North End Union, it has been my privilege to be associated with them during these twenty years, and I desire here to record my deep appreciation of their earnest and cordial co-operation, and of their kindly forbearance. This is accorded also to the others who subsequently came upon the Board of Directors.

During these twenty years Mr. Horace L. Channell has had charge of the reception room and library and has met on terms of familiar social intercourse every member of the Union.

Mr. Olson, as janitor and "jack of all trades", has rendered faithful service for seventeen years.

It is worthy of note that so many of the working force have given these many years of uninterrupted service to one institution. This long term of office is an indication, at least, of the cordial co-operative spirit of those connected with it.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER

It is not my purpose to be reminiscent or to pass in review the more important happenings which a fifth of a century might indeed, warrant; but I may be permitted to refer to an event of recent date which in a direct way, was a reminder of the years that are gone.

How far the North End Union may have left its impress on the hundreds of boys and girls who have gone out into active life can never be told, but the complimentary dinner which the North End Union Alumni Association tendered to those who had been and are actively indentified with its work, indicated the cordial good-will and kindly remembrance in which the Union is held by those who have been connected with it.

This testimonial was given in recognition of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the North End Union, at the Boston City Club, May 2, 1911, by former and present members of the Union, who first suggested the plan and who carried out every detail of arrangements.

Officers of Alumni Association: President, Thomas F. Connolly; Secretary, Max M. Fritz; Treasurer, Moses Reinherz.

Committee of Arrangements: Joseph S. Spencer. Solomon J. Todtman, Joseph Levy, John F. Evans, Jacob W. Krokyn, Fred Corcoran, Jacob Beerman, William Kneeland, Albert Hurwitz, George Reinherz, Jacob W. Tushins, Israel Ruby, Jacob Katzeff, Nathan Krock, Albert A. Borofsky.

More than a hundred and fifty of the old boys, grown to manhood, many of whom were approaching middle life,—lawyers, doctors, and business men who had found their life's work,—responded to the call.

Among the invited guests were: the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Louis A. Frothingham; his Honor, the Mayor, Hon. John F. Fitzgerald; Rev. Edward A. Horton, Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Geo. H. Ellis, T. Lornton W. Simmons,

Robert A. Woods, C. H. Cronin, Horace L. Channell, and Samuel F. Hubbard.

Thomas F. Connolly, one of the oldest members, presided. Short addresses were made by former members and guests.

Silver loving-cups were presented to Mr. Channell and to Mr. Hubbard.

Discounting all personal words of commendation which an occasion of this kind always inspires, there was, withal, a hearty enthusiasm, and a sincere, earnest word for the Union, which was most gratifying to those of us who are charged with the responsibility of its administration.

PLUMBING SCHOOL

The North End Union Plumbing School is the oldest school of its kind in New England, having been established in January, 1894. During the seventeen years of its existence more than 700 young men have availed themselves of the opportunities which the school offered. The classes have always been full to the limit, and numbers of applicants have been turned away every season for lack of room; a dozen or more were refused admission this last season for this reason.

The shop-work, under the direction of Mr. Wm. H. Haskell, who has been the instructor since the school opened, has always been of high grade and conceded to be of the best. The school has had at all times the hearty co-operation of the leading master plumbers of Boston.

These facts indicate the success of the school and give the assurance that it has met a popular demand.

In the light of this continued prosperity, why did the Directors of the Union vote (which vote was approved by the Fraternity of Churches) to transfer the Plumbing School to the Wentworth Institute, which is to open in September? For the simple reason that the Wentworth Institute, with its great endowment, will be able to serve the needs of the pupils, and the plumbing trade in general

in a larger and better way than would be possible with the limited equipment of the Union. The Union has not been unmindful of the need of larger service in the training of its Plumbing School pupils, but, lacking the requisite facilities, it has been content to do what it could,—to be a John the Baptist crying in the wilderness, make straight the way,—until such time as the work could be more effectually done by another.

Mr. Williston, principal of the Wentworth Institute, has expressed himself as being highly gratified that the Institute is permitted to inherit the pioneer Plumbing School of New England and to continue its work.

SCHOOL OF PRINTING

The School of Printing began January, 1900, giving instruction only in the evening. After four years' trial the evening work was given up because the results were very unsatisfactory, and a day class opened instead. The course was based on twelve months, eight hours a day. It was required that a boy should be at least sixteen years of age and that he would agree to be indentured to some employing printer for a term of years, including the year in School. Since its establishment the School of Printing has been under the immediate supervision and direction of leading employing printers, prominent in the administration of the Boston Typothetae, who have assumed all responsibilities of selecting and placing pupils, course of study, and of current expenses.

The School has had the cordial approval of the Typothetae (the local organization of master printers) and has received material encouragement from it; but it had not been formally accepted as a part of the Typothetae activities. The close relationship of the School to the printing trade, through the personal effort of its Board of Supervisors during the past ten years, demonstrated the value of such a school in promoting the welfare of the printing trade.

The Executive Council of the Boston Typothetae Board

of Trade, at a meeting in January, 1911, unanimously voted to take over the School of Printing and make it a legitimate part of the Board's work. This action is significant in that it is a recognition by employers, through their official organization, of their responsibility in training apprentices in a school under their own management. It is believed that this is the first instance on record in the United States wherein an organization of employers has decided to maintain a trade school based on the system of indentured apprenticeship.

The work of the Union for the past year does not differ much from that described in the Annual Report of 1910.

BABY CLINIC AT THE NORTH END UNION.

The Milk and Baby Hygiene Association maintains in the city nine station for the distribution of modified milk, of which the North End Union station continues to be the largest.

There are in this station two nurses (provided by the Association) who distribute the milk, keep a careful record of all babies (196 at present), visit them in their homes, advise mothers as to care and feeding, and attend to many other details which make for efficient service. The Union assumes the responsibility for all cash received from the sale of milk and the expense of a cashier. A baby clinic is held twice a week.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street, Dorchester.

In presenting to you my fifth annual report, I take pleasure in calling your attention once again to the wholesome and hopeful condition of Channing Church. Each year, in noting our progress, I have pointed to special results and particular achievements of the year's work. The first year and the second year, too, it was in every department of our church work and in every phase of our church life, so great are the opportunities and the need for growth and improvement. The third year it was the larger increase of attendance at the services of worship and the first step toward financial co-operation with the Fraternity. And last year, the thing that we looked to with especial satisfaction was the fact that then, for the first time, we were able to dispense entirely with the appropriation from the Fraternity for current expenses. The past year although it does not record any substantial gains or new achievements, may nevertheless be considered the best, without question, that we have ever had at Channing Church. In some respects we have not appreciably gained; but in no respect have we lost ground. There has been no abatement of our zeal and endeavor, but a decided increase in all branches of church activity. And the fact that we have been able to repeat our financial success of the year before and again do without the \$500 appropriation of the fraternity for current expenses, argues a certain permanence which, I believe, we may be confident will continue.

The Sunday School is a little larger than it was a year ago, having a total enrolment of 86. One of our young

ladies is a student at the Tuckerman School and has been of great help in the work of our school, introducing some new methods and bringing to us many good suggestions. There is a Cradle Roll of 15, begun last December. It may be interesting to know that during the year of 1910, there were nine babies born into the parish, an encouraging token for the future. The kindergarten class numbers 21. The other pupils in the school are 16 years old and under.

The attendance at the morning services of worship has been good, averaging about the same as last year. The monthly evening services have been kept up now for the fifth year and are heartily appreciated by the neighborhood. The encouraging and inspiring thing about our congregation is that it is always more than half composed of young people, with young men predominating. Four persons, all of them young people, signed the covenant this year and without solicitation, and are formally admitted to the fellowship of the church, making a total of 56 new members during the 5 years, all but a few of them are still active in the life of the church. The Channing Chorus of young ladies has completed its third year of voluntary service; and we have never had better music, more helpful and inspiring than during the past year.

The various clubs have all had a successful year. There are four organizations within our organization—the Women's Alliance, the Girl's Juvenile Society, the Young People's Guild and the Men's Club, all of which have carried on their independent work and have helped to make the social life of the parish happy. Through their efforts about \$300 has been contributed to the church treasury. The Alliance has done considerable for outside charities and missionary enterprises. The Men's Club, with 31 members, is now over two years in existence and has made itself an important factor in our parish life. It has heard several instructive and helpful addresses at its monthly meetings and has contributed \$80 to the church during the year. The Guild has had, by far its most successful and enjoyable

year. Its program has undertaken to provide for the social, the educational and the religious life. Two entertainments were given for the benefit of the church; there were Sunday evening religious meetings with addresses once a month; there were four social gatherings during the year at which as many as 72 young people were present. The Club has about 40 members and the spirit of togetherness this year has been most marked. At the annual meeting of the Boston Federation this spring our delegation was the second largest. One of our members has been secretary of the Federation and another is vice-president for the ensuing year.

The gymnasium has been well used this year. There has been a class for little boys. There has been a basket ball team of older boys which has played matches with clubs from other churches, and there has been a class of 37 young girls in folk dancing, instructed by one of our young ladies.

Other social events during the year were the Harvest Supper, the Musical Festival and the entertainment by the Herford Club of Arlington Street Church. I should not forget to mention the Tenth Anniversary of the gathering of the Congregation which was celebrated in October and which brought together a large company of past and present members that filled the church auditorium.

The weekly bulletin of church and club activities shows how very much alive we have been in Channing Church this past year. There have been not a few weeks in which the church has been in use, for one purpose or another, every day of the week. It has been a year in which, even more so than in past years, work and worship and play have been happily and helpfully mingled.

The annual meeting of the parish was held on April 26. The treasurer's report for the year shows the same wholesome financial condition of the society. The total income was \$1,000.14, the expenses were \$860.78, leaving a balance of \$139.36. There was no parish fair, as it is held every other year, but despite this, the receipts were only a few dollars less than last year. The principal items of expense

were as follows: For the janitor, \$300; for music, \$233.47; for fuel, \$159.00; for lighting, \$69.69; for printing, \$37.10; for water, \$20.00; and the rest for incidental expenses.

The officers elected for the ensuing year, with the exception of the treasurer are new: Mr. Leon F. Cummings, president; Mr. Harold J. Davis, clerk; Mr. William Keim, treasurer; Mr. Henry Stearn, financial secretary.

The outlook for the future at Channing Church was never better than it is today. The spirit among the people is absolutely harmonious; the men of the parish through the interest gained in the Men's Club, are now taking hold of the work as never before; the Sunday School is now under the superintendency of a Tuckerman School student, and the exceptionally large number of young people affiliated with the church and joining in its work and worship is the brightest promise of all. The people themselves are full of hope and enthusiasm and have now achieved the spirit of self-reliance and confidence.

FRANCIS RAYMOND STURTEVANT,

Minister.

May 7, 1911.

Parker Memorial

11 Appleton Street.

Joint Committee Appointed by the
Fraternity and Hale House.

Henry B. Sawyer, Chairman.	Rev. Howard N. Brown
Rev. Edward Cummings	Arthur W. Moors
Rev. Paul R. Frothingham	Robert A. Woods
Harry B. Taplin, Superintendent.	
Frederick N. Cooke, Jr., Associate Superintendent.	
Miss Kate B. Littlefield, Secretary.	

In some respects the work at Parker Memorial during the last year has been more successful than in any previous season since it has been conducted under the direction of the Joint Committee representing Hale House and the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches. This success is indicated by the fact that Parker Memorial has reached more people in definitely helpful ways and has carried on a greater number of constructive undertakings. This large building is so situated that it can easily serve as a civic and social center for people from all parts of Boston and more especially for those from the South End. The policy has been to draw to this one center as many different groups of people as possible and to provide them with opportunities for carrying out the particular things which they believed to be of value to themselves and others.

Public meetings, university lectures, industrial classes, popular high-grade concerts, amateur dramatics, club meetings, socials, entertainments and various forms of recreation have brought hundreds to Parker Memorial during the busy winter weeks. Parker Memorial has been also an inspirational center, insisting upon high standards and a broad and tolerant outlook on life.



FRONT OFFICE USED BY PARKER MEMORIAL. MIDDLE OFFICE USED
BY BOSTON SOCIAL UNION. REAR OFFICE USED BY DISTRICT 11

Parker Memorial has continued to serve the larger neighborhood in practical ways and to keep the building and corps of workers in readiness at all times to meet the many social needs. The Boston Social Union, which now includes 20 settlements and neighborhood houses in its federation, finds Parker Memorial suitable headquarters for many of its activities and appreciates the many advantages of this alliance. Individually, also, the settlements have shown a similar attitude and during the year 10 have made use of our equipment. It is especially interesting to note that 55 outside organizations, almost all of which are connected with social work, have had some privileges at our building during the year. This is the largest number ever recorded and shows how this valuable idea of doing social work in a cooperative way has taken hold. More recently Parker Memorial has rented an office to District 11 of the Associated Charities and maintains friendly relations with that organization. The South End Improvement Society, with its membership of more than 500 continues to make use of our halls for its larger meetings and its annual banquet.

We have especially appreciated our connection with the Lowell Institute by which University Extension lectures are given in our large hall twice each week to those who do not have an opportunity to attend college but who wish to share in the advantages of a liberal education. The central location of Parker Memorial makes it a convenient place in which to offer these courses. Miss Wheelock's Kindergarten Training School has also made regular use of our building and has brought to it each week a large number of young women who will be the future kindergartners in the schools and settlements.

Cooperation has also been evident in other directions. When Boston-1915 was preparing for the large civic Pageant given in November in the Arena, a large number of the rehearsals for the young people who participated were held in our halls. Grateful acknowledg-

ment was made by the Director, Mr. James P. Munroe. Later in the season the Lend a Hand Dramatic Club made regular weekly use of our building in rehearsing the Gondoliers, an operatta which they presented in Jordan Hall, April 21st and 22nd for the benefit of Hale House. The officers of this energetic and helpful club have expressed their warm appreciation of the courtesies extended. Other organizations, such as The Trade School for Girls, the Womens' Trade Union League, the New Century Girls' Club, the Juvenile Protective League, the School Visitor's Committee and several groups of colored people have enjoyed various privileges at Parker Memorial. In this way a large number of people have made use of our building for good purposes.

Among the year's activities, the Sunday Afternoon Concerts conducted by the Superintendent of Parker Memorial and Mr. William I. Cole of South End House deserve particular mention, especially since such distinguished artists as Gebhardt, Madam Hopekirk, The Adamowskis and Madam Szumowska and many others have appeared on the programs and have drawn large and enthusiastic audiences. This was the third season and it was the most successful of all. Those who attended the concerts were real music lovers who appreciated this unusual opportunity to hear the best music. The price of admission, ten cents, was not prohibitive even to the poorest, and the time of day was suited to our neighbors in the South End. The artists generously gave their services for the good of the cause.

Another success last season was the large attendance at the industrial classes for women. These have been conducted as usual under the careful direction of Miss Kate B. Littlefield, and though there have been fewer separate departments than last season, the total registration, 554, has been the largest of any season. There were 168 in millinery, 137 in dressmaking, 191 in dancing and 58 in cooking. These classes have been very helpful in providing

special opportunities for women who wish to enter shops and stores and for those who desire to improve their homes and to secure this practical training.

In the year just completed, it has been possible to bring about at Parker Memorial several important improvements and developments of the work which have added to its effectiveness. These are of two kinds, (a) alterations and repairs, and (b) new or enlarged forms of activities. Briefly under the first heading should be mentioned the following:—

1. Extensive plumbing repairs.
2. Repairs and additions to electric wiring and lighting.
3. Complete new equipment for dramatic productions.
4. Direct entrance to gymnasium from alley.
5. Coat room and check room for lower hall.
6. Adaptation of passage-way for clay classes.

The Boston Civic Club, which meets at Parker Memorial, is a club interested in serious questions of civic importance but also providing social features, and composed largely of settlement "graduates". At the end of its first year, the club has 51 members enrolled. The Associate Superintendent of Parker Memorial, Mr. F. N. Cooke, Jr., acts as Executive Secretary of the organization.

The members have listened to addresses from a college president, a doctor from a children's hospital, a Boston city councilman, an organizer of large business affairs, a traveler to South America, and representatives of the Massachusetts Civic League and the Milk and Baby Hygiene committee. In all cases the speakers have been asked intelligent questions by the club and general discussion has followed. This organization conducted the South End meeting in the Civic Advance Campaign of Boston-1915 and participated also in the Safe and Sane Fourth celebration and in arrangements for the New Voters Rally. A reading and game room was provided for the club throughout the year.

In the study of public playgrounds made in cooperation with the United Improvement Association, Parker Memorial will be enabled to contribute material for the joint report which is contemplated. The Associate Superintendent has also been called to a conference with a prominent city official, representing the Finance Commission, who hopes to make use of the data collected to bring about constructive changes in the administration of Boston's playground system.

Parker Memorial has been connected, too, with the organization of a local council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Associate Superintendent, who acted as secretary of the preliminary committee, has been loaned for the summer to take charge of the New England branch of that growing movement.

Last year as a new feature, Parker Memorial conducted two gymnasium clubs for 40 boys of the immediate neighborhood. These had been formerly organized by volunteer workers from Hale House, but last season were under the direction of a professional physical instructor. Seven of the boys were sent to Camp Hale last summer for a vacation of two weeks.

HARRY B. TAPLIN,
Superintendent.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

The annual summer distribution of flowers, fruit, eggs, lemons, sugar and vegetables was carried on from June 6th until September 15th from Parker Memorial on Tuesdays and Bulfinch Place Church on Fridays. Preceding the regular opening of the season, there is usually, in May, according to their time of blossoming, a few days distribution of lilacs coming mostly from individual private estates and this year on May 16th and 17th about twenty barrels of the branches of this fragrant, popular, annual were contributed by two residents of Dorchester and their distribution brought much pleasure. Old people love them for their association with country homes of the past and young people delight in their generous perfume and bloom. On May 19th a thoughtful contributor sent in twenty handsome blossoming geraniums for distribution and on May 23d a special, early, contribution of ninety-four bouquets came from the First Parish Church, Meeting House Hill. The Mission thus really begins in May though the committee deem it inadvisable to begin the regular system of delivery until June.

The sources of the flowers and their destinations vary little from year to year, an admirable loyalty to the work being shown by the many contributors, and the desirable points for distribution being carefully investigated before selection and then adhered to annually. The generosity of two Boston ladies still makes possible the valuable distribution of fresh eggs, lemons, sugar and the best fruits in season, while many of the suburban contributors thought-

fully add to their baskets of flowers the early vegetables from their own and friendly neighboring gardens.

The protracted heat and drouth of July preceptibly diminished each contribution for a while, but with admirable spirit, the contributors succeeded in securing a sufficient quantity of flowers to enable the workers to continue distribution through the depressing heat.

It is impossible to give, in a brief report, many words of appreciation for the individual effort and the simple, modest, self-sacrificing gifts of time which many persons bestow, unacknowledged, upon the collecting, packing and sending of the flowers to headquarters, but their patient, well-doing is not unheeded though the personal word of thanks for their gracious co-operation may not be spoken to all.

A reporter on the Christian Science Monitor thus visualizes the opening day of the baskets.

"What a sight it is when they are opened! and how redolent is the air with their fragrance of fruit and blossom. Dahlias, golden glow, sweet-william, petunias, bachelor buttons, gladiolas, marigolds, sweet peas, pansies, nasturtiums, sweet alyssum, golden rod and roses, heaped together in kaleidoscopic confusion" and the Boston Evening Transcript notes the closing day:

"Realizing that this was the last day for the distribution by the Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission, those who are interested in the work made a special effort to send large contributions to the Bulfinch Place Church vestry. When all had been finished, and the hampers and boxes marked for their return, the forty-second season was brought to a close. The first undertaking of the kind was begun by Miss Helen Tinkham, and her memory is thus kept green with the continued success of this beautiful ministration to the sick and the lonely, as well as to children who love flowers so well.

"Among those received this morning were crimson rambler roses, the very last of their kind. There were pansies,

too, and quantities of other blossoms unspoiled by the touch of frost. There were also wild flowers in abundance and, altogether, this closing day was most satisfactory to all who have given their aid through this summer.

"The flowers have gone to the Berkeley Infirmary, the Boston and the Pope dispensaries, the Naval and Marine hospitals the District Nursing Association, Plymouth, St. Elizabeth's and Tyler Street hospitals, Morgan Memorial, the Eye and Ear Infirmary, the Home for Aged Colored Women, the South End, Sunnyside and South Boston Day nurseries, Emmanuel House, Robert Gould Shaw House, the Vacation Bible schools, the Hawthorne Club, Talitha Cumi Home, Elizabeth Peabody House, Frances Willard Settlement, the Church of Our Father, East Boston, Ruggles Street, Cook school and Columbus Avenue playgrounds, Charlesbank Gymnasium, St. Stephen's Kindergarten and St. Bartholemew's Club, Cambridge. Eggs, fruit and vegetables have been distributed among individuals known to the mission workers and the district nurses.

"The First Parish of Dorchester sent three thousand tied bouquets during the season, and thus heads the list of generous friends. Other contributions were received regularly from Channing Church and the Second Church in Dorchester, Eliot Church, Newton, the Junior Alliance of Arlington, King's Daughters of Abington, Neighborhood Guilds in Bridgewater, Chestnut Hill, Leominster, Medford and Newtonville; the Women's Club of Walpole, the Altrurian Club of Shirley, the Social Service Club of the Unitarian Parish in West Newton, the Girls' Club of Durham, N. H., and private estates in Wellesley, Marblehead, Beverly, Manchester, Oak Hill, Canton, Brookline, Weston, Milton, Hingham and other places.

The mission is carried on under the direction of a committee from the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, composed of William P. Fowler, treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln and Mrs. Robert G. Shaw. Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss Kate G. Littlefield have directed the workers alternately."

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

Foreword.

The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches was organized in 1834 to carry on in Boston a work known as the Ministry at Large, which for some years had been supported by the American Unitarian Association.

The Ministry at Large originated with a young men's society called "The Association for Religious Improvement", organized in 1822 by Frederick T. Gray, Benjamin H. Greene, Moses Grant and others, and which conducted, with the aid of Rev. Henry Ware Jr., Rev. Francis Parkman, Rev. Orville Dewey and other ministers, Sunday Evening Lectures in such places as Charter Street, Hatter's Square and Pitts Court. Because of difficulties, these were continued only two years, but the idea was not abandoned.

On Oct. 22, 1826, by invitation of this Association, Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, D. D., leaving Chelsea after a ministry of twenty-five years, joined it, having been appointed by the Unitarian Association leader in this new work. His resignation from Chelsea took effect on Nov. 4 and his first "Lecture" in Boston was given on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, in the loft of Smith's Circular Building on the corner of Merimack and Portland Streets, where on the following Sunday the Howard Sunday School was organized.

For two years Dr. Tuckerman worked from this centre, preaching and visiting. Then the chapel in Friend Street was built, succeeded in 1836 by Pitts Street Chapel, and this by Bulfinch Place Chapel in 1870. Dr. Tuckerman died in 1840.

In the meantime the work of the Ministry at Large had extended to other parts of the city and had counted among its leaders Charles Barnard, Frederick T. Gray, Robert C. Waterston, Andrew Bigelow, Samuel H. Winkley, Edwin J. Gerry, William P. Tilden and others. It had also extended

to other cities, notably Lowell, Providence, Portland, Me., and St. Louis. In England, following Dr. Tuckerman's visit in 1834, the same ministry was established, under the name of Domestic Missions, and in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other large cities it goes on successfully today.

Of the present centres in Boston, Bulfinch Place Church dates back to the beginning in 1826, the North End Union to 1854, Channing Church to 1859, and the Theodore Parker Memorial to 1889.

The phrase Ministry at Large was Dr. Tuckerman's own. Though he came to a work already initiated by others, he so enlarged and inspired it by his religious faith and enthusiasm, his love for humanity and his insight into social problems, that he is rightly honored not only as its founder, but as the forerunner of a philanthropy which should be at once humane and scientific. In his work for helping individuals, for advancing temperance, for the suppression of pauperism, for prison reform and discharged prisoners, for dependent or delinquent children, for the schools and the churches, he was far in advance of his time. In his writings may be found, clearly enunciated, the fundamental principles of our best modern charities and social service.

Upon such a foundation of history and honorable service the Ministry at Large of today stands, endeavoring to meet its modern problems in the old-time spirit and to do its work in the new-time ways.

Board of Directors--1912-1913

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Sub-Committees

YEAR 1912-1913.

Committee on Finance

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Committee on North End Union

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**MR. GUILD, CHAIRMAN, MESSRS. VAN NESS AND JACKSON
AND MRS. ATHERTON**

Committee on Parker Memorial

**MR. BROWN, CHAIRMAN, AND MESSRS. MOORS, FROTHING-
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Committee on Poor's Purse

MR. FOWLER, CHAIRMAN, AND MR. CUMMINGS

Committee on Fruit and Flower Mission

MRS. SHAW, CHAIRMAN, MR. FOWLER AND MRS. FRENCH

List of Delegates

OF THE

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

1912-1913.

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH.

REV. PAUL R. FROTHINGHAM.....	294 Beacon Street
COURTENAY GUILD.....	26 Mt. Vernon Street
MRS. ROBERT G. SHAW.....	151 Commonwealth Avenue
FREDERICK A. TURNER, JR.....	340 Marlborough Street
JAMES R. HOOPER, JR.....	478 Beacon Street

KING'S CHAPEL.

REV. HOWARD N. BROWN.....	297 Beacon Street
FRANCIS L. COOLIDGE.....	49 Federal Street
ERNEST JACKSON.....	383 Beacon Street
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CHARLES L. BURRILL.....	22 Mt. Vernon Street
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HORACE MORISON.....	160 State St

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REV. CHARLES E. PARK.....	347 Marlborough Street
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MRS. E. H. ATHERTON.....82 Ruthven Street, Roxbury
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REV. JOEL H. METCALF.....3 Crescent Road, Winchester
MRS. JOEL H. METCALF.....3 Crescent Road, Winchester
MRS. GEORGE H. ROOT.....Lloyd Street, Winchester

MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held on the evenings of the second Sunday of October, December and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

In behalf of the Board of Directors I submit the following report:

A year ago a new set of by-laws was adopted by this body which allowed the Benevolent Fraternity the opportunity to increase its membership and extend its usefulness by taking up new lines of work.

Our expectations as regards membership have been partially met; four new societies have joined during the past year, namely: The Church of the Unity at Neponset, the First Parish and First Church of Cambridge, the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women, and the Winchester Unitarian Society. We welcome these new members to our organization and trust that others may be added during the coming year.

As regards the new work, financial assistance has been given to the First Church in Revere; Rev. Powhatan Bagnall and his band of colored people, who have organized under the name of the Church of the Messiah, have been allowed the use of a hall at Parker Memorial as a meeting place and have also been financially aided. The expense of Mr. Francis P. Malgeri's salary has been assumed by the Fraternity, and at present he is connected with the North End Union. His work is largely of a social welfare nature among the Italians of Greater Boston.

The Social Service Council of Unitarian Women are especially interested in these last two causes and are supervising as well as giving material help to the work being carried on by Mr. Malgeri. This Council, composed of a

group of earnest, active Unitarian women in allying itself with the Fraternity, promises to render valuable and efficient service.

With further additions to our membership and an increase in contributions, other causes which claim our attention could be assisted. An urgent appeal is made to the delegates to bring this matter of increased contributions to the attention of their respective parishes or societies.

Reports of the work being accomplished at the various Chapels will be given you later this evening, by the heads of the same, so I will only briefly call your attention to some of the important changes which have taken place.

At Bulfinch Place arrangements have been made to accommodate the District Nursing Association with headquarters for the North and West End sections of our city. Two tablets have been placed in the auditorium of this Chapel, one to the memory of the Founders of the Howard Sunday School and the other to the memory of Rev. Samuel Hobart Winkley, its minister for sixty-five years.

At the North End Union the plumbing school has been sold to the Wentworth Institute. This institute, richly endowed, and founded for the purpose of establishing trade schools, seemed better fitted to carry on this work. In giving up this branch of work, it is hoped that the Union will be able to extend its usefulness to other fields. The property at No. 32 Parmenter Street, known as the Children's House, of which the Union has been a tenant, has been purchased by the Fraternity, and extensive alterations and repairs will be made this summer to increase its usefulness. Mr. Evans has recently been added to the staff of workers at this Branch and will specialize on boys' work.

The Parker Memorial Meeting House Fund, amounting to \$462.25, has been turned over by the trustees holding it to the treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity, with the understanding that it will be expended on the maintenance of the Parker Memorial building. Extensive repairs have been

made on this building during the past year, and others are contemplated which will put this plant in excellent order and greatly increase its efficiency.

At Channing Church we note a change of ministers. Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant resigned to accept a pastorate in Taunton; and his successor, Rev. Charles P. Wellman, has taken up his work with a zeal that betokens a continuation of the successful pastorate of Mr. Sturtevant at this church.

The Flower Mission has carried on its work of collecting and distributing flowers, fruits, vegetables, jellies and eggs during the summer months, and has used two of our buildings as headquarters, namely, Parker Memorial and Bulfinch Place.

With deep regret we record the deaths of three valued members of the Fraternity: Dr. E. Peabody Gerry, Rev. Samuel Hobart Winkley, and Mr. Frederic H. Nazro.

Submitted and accepted at the annual meeting of the Fraternity held on Wednesday, May 8, 1912.

N. WINTHROP ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1912.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,325.00
Income from investments	14,425.00
Contributions from friends	175.09
Contributions from churches and organizations	4,791.52
Contribution from Bulfinch Place Church	300.00
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches	
Fruit and Flower Mission	214.06
	<u>\$22,230.58</u>

We have also received the following bequests:

Thomas Gaffield Fund, additional from sale of land	\$900.00
Estate A. A. Burrage for repairs at Parker Memorial	462.25
	<u>\$1,362.25</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,700.00
City of Boston, 1911 tax	308.32
	<u>\$5,008.32</u>
Rents received	1,625.00
	<u>Net expense</u>
	\$3,383.32

North End Union.

Expenses	\$4,699.31
Rents received	700.00
	<u>Net expenses</u>
	\$3,999.31

Carried forward \$9,707.63

Brought forward		\$9,707.08
Italian Work.		
Expenses		100.00
Appropriated for repairs and remodelling of Children's House, No. 32 Parmenter St.,		1,000.00
Channing Church.		
Expenses		1,914.70
Buttrick Place Church.		
Expenses	\$5,000.00	5,000.00
Home contribution	300.00	
Net expense	\$4,700.00	
Fruit and Flower Mission.		
Contributions received through year	\$214.06	
Unexpended balance previous year	40.67	
	\$254.73	
Expenses	\$155.00	155.00
Surplus	\$99.73	
Revere Unitarian Society.		
Expenses account of salary of minister		25.00
Church of the Messiah.		
Expenses account of salary of minister		\$600.00
Administrative expenses		701.19
Care and repair of buildings		1,364.00
Insurance		233.42
Printing annual report		100.00
Examination of treasurer's books		25.00
Expenditures		\$20,985.94
Income	\$22,230.58	
Expenditures	\$20,985.94	
	1,244.64	
Gain on securities disposed of	45.62	
Surplus	\$1,290.26	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Contributions.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,865.05
King's Chapel	1,272.00
South Congregational Church	700.00
First Church in Boston	400.00
Second Church in Boston	200.00
First Parish, Dorchester	150.00
Church of the Disciples	64.86
First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain	25.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	24.61
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00
Third Religious Society, Dorchester	15.00
First Parish, West Roxbury	15.00
Winchester Unitarian Church	10.00
First Parish and First Church in Cambridge	10.00
Church of the Unity, Neponset	10.00
Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	10.00

\$4,791.52

For Bulfinch Place Church.

Home contribution	\$300.00
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Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100.00
Miss Ellen V. Smith	50.00
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00
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	\$175.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1912, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE,

Auditor.

Boston, May 7, 1912.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, Assistants.

The aim of Bulfinch Place Church, with its auxiliary, the Howard Sunday School, is to be a saving influence in the lives of as many individuals as it can reach. By a saving influence is meant one that shall be helpful in material as well as spiritual ways. Consequently, while the center of our activity is the Sunday Services, much time and strength are expended in friendly visiting and social service. To reach individuals, adults and children, is our aim, and we realize that all have bodies as well as souls and that these are mutually dependent. We minister, therefore, to both, for the sake of health, happiness and the higher life.

To this end, friendly relations are cultivated with as many people as possible in our neighborhood and widely scattered parish, by visiting and by interesting them to visit us. When Dr. Tuckerman began his Ministry at Large, he was without a church centre, and his work was almost entirely that of a visitor. But the need of a chapel soon became evident, and one was built not only for the conduct of Sunday worship, but as a rallying centre for friendship and mutual service. And throughout the years that followed, under successive ministers, notably under Mr. Winkley, these two methods of work have been emphasized, for the sake of righteousness, good will and the spiritual life.

To reach out to the people is the special work of the minister and his assistants. To attract the people to the church, and to bring them together, is the purpose of the clubs, societies and social meetings, organized in connection with the church and Sunday school. The Women's Alliance, the Winkley Guild, the Eliot Circle, the Red, White and Blue Club, the Comfort Carriers' Club, the other Lend a Hand

Clubs, all have their special work to do, but each has an element of sociability and provides its "good times", thus helping to create that spirit of good fellowship that has made our church a church-home for so many. We have been criticized, sometimes, for having so many social gatherings and entertainments, but it is quite as probable that we have not had enough, for such meetings, under the church roof, for innocent enjoyment and friendly intercourse, satisfy a distinct human need and tend to attach people to the church itself and that for it stands.

Among the notable occasions of this character have been the following: The Sunday School Rally in September, the Harvest Festival, the Christmas Tree, the Eliot Circle Christmas Party, the Annual Teachers' Meeting, the Valentine Party, the Sunday School Supper, the May Festival, the Old Ladies' Party, and the Eliot Circle Picnic, with special entertainments for larger or smaller groups from time to time.

Now this kind of service might indeed seem trivial and superficial, were it not inspired by a serious purpose and supported by serious work. That such is the case need scarcely be said. For there is not an entertainment given that does not carry with it the ethical or religious momentum of the organization from which it springs. A Sunday School "Jolly" is a Sunday School affair, and a Christmas Party is full of the Christmas spirit. Moreover, back of all the "good times" stands the church committed to the ideals and work of the Kingdom of God; and the building itself with its memorials of the past and its sacred associations, gives character to every gathering within its walls.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the quiet but steady influence of our Sunday Services, or upon the work of the Sunday School. Special emphasis is laid upon Home-coming Sunday, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Boys' Sunday, and Flower Sunday, with good results; and a large congregation assembled on April 14, when a beautiful tablet was unveiled in memory of Rev. Samuel H. Winkley.

With a membership of 203, the Sunday School has had a successful year, marked by no unusual events but by steady work and a reverent spirit. A portrait of Mr. Winkley was presented to the school in October, and more recently a fine photograph of Sargent's Prophets. The Lend a Hand and Children's Mission interests have been loyally supported. An entertainment to raise money for the Chinese sufferers was successfully carried through and the school took an active part in the Alliance Fair. The legacy left us by Miss Elizabeth S. Emmons (\$3000) has been paid and will be of great benefit. A card of "Summer Readings" was issued to keep the influence of the school alive during the vacation.

The number of families helped by the church and its societies, in one way or another, cannot be given accurately, but is about 400. The Sunday School, as already stated, numbers 203, including teachers. The Eliot Circle, a women's club, has about 165 members, many of whom are not associated with the church in any other way. In all our Boys and Girls clubs there is such an outside membership, and this is particularly the case with the Saturday classes, held by the Sphinx Club, itself an organization not our own.

This leads to the mention of what we call our neighborhood work, including the Gymnasium Classes, the Lecture Courses, the Saturday Evening "Open House", the Flower Mission, and the District Nurses' Headquarters.

The Gymnasium is used four times a week during the season by the young men and boys of the West End House; twice by a Swedish Club; once by our own boys.

Two courses of Stereopticon lectures, twelve in all, have been well patronized as for the past twelve years.

The Saturday Evening "Open House" has brought from twenty to thirty boys to its games and reading, each evening.

The Flower Mission is summer work, from June to October, three or four times a week—the most important day being that of the Benevolent Fraternity Flower Mission.

The District Nurses' Headquarters is new, and while it

is in no sense our own work, we have gladly given it a welcome, assigning one of our best rooms to this purpose. Here centres for the West End and North End the work of eleven nurses and the district physicians, coming and going every day, between nine and five o'clock.

Another neighborhood service was rendered by the Chorus Class, which was started in November and met every week until April.

During the year our church has twice been the centre of denominational activities, namely, at Christmas, when the Sunday School Teachers Union held one of its largest meetings here, and in May when the anniversary week luncheons were served. In both instances our own people took an active part.

In November the Women's Alliance held its biennial fair netting \$500 to be used equally for the church and alliance work. The Sunday School collected during the year nearly \$100 for the Children's Mission. The little paper, "Our Work" continues to serve us as an advertising medium and a connecting link between the church and its people.

During the summer, the Sunday School was closed from June 23 to September 15, and the Sunday services were discontinued from July 21 to September 1, inclusive. The church was open, however, every week day, and the parish work of visiting, outings for children and adults, and the Flower Mission, went on.

Scarcely a day passes on which we do not have some new evidence that our "little church on the corner" means something to somebody in its neighborhood.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

The North End Union
20 Parmenter Street
Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street

Local Board of Directors—

Edward A. Horton, Chairman, Julia W. Frothingham, Ida Mason, Abby S. Perry, Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Paul R. Frothingham, Edwin D. Mead, Arthur W. Moore, Leonard Tufts, Samuel F. Hubbard.

Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent.

Miss Mary P. Ingalls, Miss Edna Stocker, George H. Evans, Horace L. Channell, Assistants.

Fraternity Sub-Committee—

Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Courtenay Guild, Edmund A. Whitman, Mrs. Robert G. Shaw, Mrs. George H. Root.

Children's House Committee—

Miss Julia W. Frothingham, Miss Ida Mason, Mrs. Edward Nash, Miss Helen Sharp.

The School of Printing—

Apprenticeship Committee of the Boston Typothetae Board of Trade: George H. Ellis, Henry P. Porter, J. W. Phinney.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Any comprehensive consideration of the work of the North End Union must necessarily include the personal mutual relationship of teachers and club leaders with those who come under their care and supervision. This personal element, however, which is the most important factor in social work, and which chiefly determines the intrinsic worth of the service rendered, cannot be measured in numbers or cash values.

"Trifles, lighter than straws, are levers in the building up of character," but as Thoreau has said, "We perceive and are affected by changes too subtle to be described." There-



"LITTLE MOTHERS" AT THE NORTH END UNION

fore, let it be remembered that that which counts for most is left out of the reckoning in the following report.

The activities of the Union may be briefly summarized as follows:

Fifteen clubs, for boys, girls, young men and young women.

Three classes each in housekeeping and cooking, embroidery, dancing, sewing.

Five gymnasium classes, for boys, girls, young men, and young women.

Two dramatic classes.

Classes in knitting, stenciling, chorus singing.

Sunday school.

Stamp savings.

Public baths.

Course of ten illustrated lectures.

Play room for children five afternoons a week.

Regular monthly socials; also socials for individual groups.

The reading room and the young men's social club room are open every evening in the week.

During the summer numerous excursions are provided for the boys and girls connected with the Union, and two days a week are given to a systematic distribution of flowers to the sick and shut-ins.

Twenty-six paid and sixty-five volunteer helpers compose the rank and file of the Union workers.

MODIFIED MILK STATION.

In addition to the above, the Union gives hospitable shelter to one of the stations of the Milk and Hygiene Association, which is in charge of a head nurse and two assistants, and aims to co-operate in every way to promote the larger development of this work.

The work of the Milk Station is primarily educational. The distribution of proper milk for infant feedings is incident-

tal to larger work of teaching the hygienic laws of health, as related to the mothers and their babies.

Two afternoons a week babies are brought in, stripped, and weighed and records made. This record serves as the basis of consultation with the physician in attendance.

Once a week eighteen "little mothers,"—and these are veritable little mothers, in that a mother's responsibility for the watchful regard of their own baby brothers and sisters falls on them—come together and are taught how to properly care for babies, how to wash, feed and dress them; also to cut and make doll's clothing.

Once a month the mothers and their little ones come together for a social hour. These "little mothers," in nurses' caps, serve the simple refreshments. Miss Bradley and her friends have provided the musical entertainment.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE

The children's House, at 32 Parmenter Street, has been occupied in part by the Union for more than twenty years. This house has provided residence for two of our social workers, as well as rooms for clubs and classes. A large part of the work for girls and mothers is carried on here:

In April of this year the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches bought the house, and is about to make such improvements as seem necessary. The ground floor, which heretofore has been used as a store, will give added facilities much desired.

The Union is felicitating itself upon the sense of security which actual possession gives, as well as upon the added opportunities for an extension of the work; and we are most grateful to the Fraternity for this improved service and for the assurance that this part of the work of the Union may be continued without fear of notice to vacate in a month.

Last September Miss Ingalls and Miss Stocker (two Wellesley College girls) were engaged to have charge of the work for girls and mothers. Living in residence, as they do,

at the Children's House, makes it possible for them to share in the neighborhood life.

Bringing enthusiasm and a sincere love of the work, they have become a most valuable addition to the staff of Union workers.

NEW ASSISTANT

Mr. Evans was engaged in April, as assistant to the superintendent, to devote himself very largely to work with boys.

The successful development of this work depends upon close, personal contact with the boys in their clubs, sports, and social activities. Mr. Evans has the advantage of being young enough to be still in possession of youthful enthusiasm. He has had experience with boys and comes well recommended.

CLUB ROOM

The room formerly used by the plumbing school has been transformed into a club room for the older members of the Union.

In a letter to the Directors, asking that this room be set apart as a club room, they agreed to be responsible for the supervision and conduct of the room and for the cost of lighting.

They closed the letter by saying, "For the older boys we can offer them such facilities that would enable them to have their evening smokers and whist games, so that they won't have to go down to these pool rooms where now, every night, so large a number congregate."

The privilege of smoking and card playing in the club room, after careful consideration, was allowed. The age limit was fixed at seventeen years and over. This limit has since been raised to eighteen years by members themselves.

The government of the club is in the hands of a house committee composed of seven members, approved by the

Union. When it was voted to allow card playing the possibilities of gambling was recognized, but the house committee reports that they are not aware of any case of gambling since the club was opened.

ITALIAN WORK

Attention has been called in previous reports to the shifting, changing population of the North End. Twenty years ago the Union's constituency was largely Irish. The exodus of the Hebrews from the North End has been specially noticeable the last few years, and tenements, thus made vacant, have been filled with Italians.

Although the Jewish element in the Union is still predominant, it is not at all improbable that the Italians may outnumber them in the near future.

Mr. Malgeri, who has been in the employ of the American Unitarian Association, is now under engagement to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and he has been assigned to the Union.

Although his work will be primarily with adult Italians, yet he will co-operate in promoting the work with the younger ones. He is giving Italian lessons to my three assistants, Miss Ingalls, Miss Stocker, and Mr. Evans.

This knowledge of the language will enable them to get into more sympathetic relations with the Italian home life and to do more effective work. Mr. Malgeri has organized a group of twenty or more young men who are coming together to study an Italian drama.

Beginning in the fall it is proposed to largely extend this work with the adult Italians under the direction of Mr. Malgeri.

The Union is most fortunate in having the co-operation of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women in this larger work with the Italians.

The problem of how to assimilate the foreign element with the American civic life, in these days of red flags and

industrial unrest, is by no means a simple or easy one. It cannot be solved by standing aloof, or by "passing by on the other side."

Unless human social relations can somehow be established between native and foreign born, that each may know the other better, the day of assimilation will long be postponed.

PRINTING SCHOOL

The Printing School is beginning the experiment of half-time training. In order to bring shop and school close together, in a practical way, it is proposed to alternate the apprentice between shop and school. That is, the boy will be in the shop one week and the next week in the school, and so continue for a period of eighteen months.

This will require that each shop shall have two boys, so that both school and shop shall have one continuous boy. The boy will be paid when in the shop.

The University Press and the Monitor office have entered into this arrangement, and other leading firms are expected to adopt this plan.

In closing, the Union desires to give its thanks to all those who have shared in the work and to express its sincere appreciation of the service rendered.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street, near Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.

It is my pleasure to offer the 12th. annual report of Channing Church, Dorchester. Channing Church since its last report has gone thru the critical experience of losing one minister and installing another. My predecessor won the affection and respect of his people to a marked degree and if it was with good-will, it was also with manifest sorrow that they gathered for a parting word at his going. Nevertheless with hearty good-will and loyal zeal they have rallied about the new minister. Whatever is accomplished at Channing Church, because it is a small parish and without large resources, is accomplished thru loyal co-operation.

From the opening Sunday in September there has been marked and active interest in all our organizations. These organizations are the same as last year save that the Juvenile Club, composed of young girls, has been organized into a Lend a Hand Club. A brief survey of these societies may not be amiss.

The Woman's Alliance with twenty-four members has held fortnightly meetings, five of which were open meetings with good speakers and many visitors. It has sent delegates to 15 Alliance meetings, answered to 22 Alliance appeals for aid, contributed to the Hale fund, the Sunday School Society, and our own Sunday School and raised \$240.00, one hundred and eighty-one of which was contributed directly into the Church treasury. As most everywhere, the Alliance is the hardest working,—shall I not say the finest?—auxiliary of the Church. Women are the home makers; organized into an Alliance one is almost tempted to say they are the Church makers. The Lend a Hand Club has met under the direction of Miss Davis. Their table at the Fair, mostly of their own handiwork, was the great surprise as well as one of the best, turning in \$25.06 to the Church treasury. They sent four delegates to the Lend a Hand Conference at

Lynn and at the Annual Meeting gave a splendid report. The Young People's Guild has had its monthly business meetings and social parties thruout the year, entertained the Boston Federation of Young People's Societies, held one Neighborhood Meeting, six Sunday Evening devotional meetings besides co-operating with the Church in a special meeting when Rev. John Haynes Holmes spoke. It is of interest that one of their number, Mr. Leon Cummings, has been chosen president of the Federation for this year. For the Men's Club, this has been the banner year so far both for interest and attendance. Speakers and topics have been as follows: Rev. Joel Metcalf, "A Trip thru Palestine;" Hon. Sanford Bates, "The Political Situation;" Mr. Geo. Warren of the Industrial Aid Society, "Tramps that I have known and worked with;" Rev. C. W. Casson, "Socialism;" Rev. Wm. R. Lord, "How we are fooled in law making on Beacon Hill;" Hon. Charles Carr, "Workingmen's Compensation and other Labor Legislation" and Mr. Henry Armstrong, "Recitations from the Poet Foss." The Club has held one play and dance for the benefit of the Church, one Ladies' Night, sent delegates to the First Parish Men's Club and contributed monthly to the Church. The average attendance at the meetings was twenty-five. The Sunday School, also, under the superintendency of Miss Esther Davis, has had a good year. Besides the Sunday School sessions, it has held five parties for its pupils, joined the morning congregation on Nov. 5 in a Presentation Service when the banner class of the past year presented to the Church a framed picture of Mr. Sturtevant; it also held a Christmas Song and Candle service and its own Easter service. We wondered a bit as to the success of the latter because the union Easter services enjoyed at Arlington Street Church were by no means forgotten. But it turned out happily. The School also presented very successfully an evening of dramatics,—one play by the girls, the other by the boys. A little less than twenty dollars was cleared and presented to the Church. The average attendance since last September has been 57.

Add to all this the Fair, the Harvest Supper, the German Supper, the Parish Christmas party, the receptions to the former and present pastors with the installation of the latter, the Herford Club Concert, the Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook Meeting, with still other activities including two classes weekly in the gymnasium, and it is easy to see that the building has not stood empty nor our people idle.

Our Sunday morning congregations have averaged about 65. A Chorus of our young people, eight young ladies and four young men, have furnished the singing, their anthems and leadership in congregational singing being much enjoyed. They are trained, together with a Junior Choir which sometimes sings, by our devoted organist. There is a spirit of wholeheartedness in the service and of sociability after the service that makes our Sundays both profitable and happy.

This year we have almost doubled the number of our Sunday evening services, sometimes coupling them with special interests like the Holmes meeting, the meeting in the interest of the Minimum Wage when Mr. John Golden spoke and the Instrumental Concert at Easter time. The result has been not only that the Church was often filled by friends and strangers, but that our evening services have fully met their expenses which has never been done before. Besides, these meetings are red letter days and the inspiration that comes from a full church is good when the atmosphere is charged with reverence and high purpose. We are not set on a hill, but we want our Church to be as a light in matters of common interest and welfare, not submerged in its own peculiar interests. To this innovation may also be added the Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook meeting, held on the night before Thanksgiving day so that busy housewives and men who wished the holiday for themselves might attend, and at which Rev. Thomas Van Ness gave the address; also the Christmas Song and Candle service especially for children but enjoyed alike by adults; and last but not least, a Parish Supper along with the Annual Meeting. The Parish busi-

ness in a church of the Congregational order, surely ought to be attended to by the Parish and not by a handful of a dozen or so members. The family parish meal just before the meeting is not only a bond of union in itself, but a means to an end. The presence of some sixty members of the parish this year eating supper together, then singing some hearty social songs before attending to the business of the annual meeting, was a happy sight.

Along with other cheering reports was the treasurer's. At the close of our fiscal year, April 30, we had on hand a balance of \$118.00,—this in spite of the year's unusual expenses. Our heavy bills as heretofore were for janitor service, for fuel, lighting, music, and printing. The treasurer reports that we have taken in more money and had a larger working fund than ever before. The total receipts were \$1015.86, which with last year's balance of \$139.36 made a working fund of \$1155.22. Our expenditures were \$1037.22 leaving the balance of \$118.00. The new officers elected were: President, Henry Stern; Treasurer, Wm. C. Keim; Secretary, Harold Davis; Financial Secretary, Herbert Law.

Channing Church at the end of its 12th year is vigorous and happy. With appreciation for a church building which we love, which is well equipped for our needs and which this year has been put into splendid condition,—an appreciation which was expressed at our Annual Meeting in a vote of thanks to the Fraternity,—with gratefulness for the friends and help and ministry of past years, we look forward with joy and confidence, even with a little nervous anticipation to try our new plans for the work, worship and play of the year at hand.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PHELPS WELLMAN, Minister.

Parker Memorial

11 Appleton Street.

Joint Committee Appointed by the
Fraternity and Hale House.

Henry B. Sawyer, Chairman.

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Rev. Paul R. Frothingham

Harry B. Taplin, Superintendent.

Frederick N. Cooke, Jr., Associate Superintendent.

Miss Kate B. Littlefield, Secretary.

Rev. Howard N. Brown

Arthur W. Moors

Robert A. Woods

In order to make the fullest use of the large halls and numerous class rooms at Parker Memorial, an effort has been made to keep the general program as varied and as far reaching as possible. During the busy winter months, the building has been open from early morning until late at night practically every day. The organized activities have followed in such rapid succession that sometimes it has been almost impossible to prepare the rooms in advance. But the administrative staff has met almost every demand for accommodations. Public meetings, concerts, receptions, dances, amateur theatricals, socials, entertainments, basketball games, university extension lectures, industrial classes, kindergarten, gymnastics, children's parties and boys' clubs (including the boy scouts), all these and others not so easily classified, have claimed attention during the season.

In arranging for these many activities and assisting in the general administration of Parker Memorial, the Associate Superintendent, Mr. Frederick N. Cooke, Jr., has rendered valuable service. Many improvements in the building



COOKING SCHOOL, PARKER MEMORIAL.

and in the work have been made under his direction. Mr. Cooke will not continue his services next season as he has been called to New York City to help in the further organization of the Boy Scouts of America.

There has been of late a growing realization of the value of supervising the recreation of the young men and young women of Boston, especially in connection with the public places of amusement. Since the recent introduction of objectionable dances in this city Parker Memorial has been able to render important service by insisting that those who use its halls shall at all times maintain a high standard of conduct and deportment. By exerting the right influence Parker Memorial has helped to strengthen the moral ideals of the many hundreds who come to it for recreation and enjoyment. Social workers are convinced that a strong effort must be made to offset the evil results which come from the wrong kind of commercialized amusement.

The industrial classes for women have been conducted as usual under the careful direction of Miss Kate B. Littlefield and have attracted large numbers. Owing to changes in the use of the building no classes in cookery were organized this year, but it is hoped that some place may be found for these valuable classes next season. The registration has been dressmaking 98, millinery 134, physical culture 14, embroidery 4, dancing 216: total 466.

One interesting feature of the work at Parker Memorial is the Sunday Morning Kindergarten which Miss Virginia Tufts has conducted successfully for five years. The 40 small children who come from nearby homes, representing several religions and more nationalities, have been very regular in their attendance during the season. They have supplied scrap books to all the large Boston hospitals and have also sent books and valentines to the State School at Canton and the Frost Hospital at Chelsea.

In an effort to come more closely in touch with its immediate neighborhood Parker Memorial has organized a

sloyd class for boys and a patrol of boy scouts in addition to the regular gymnasium class for boys. That these have proved so popular may be attributed partly to the fact that a strong impetus was given to the boys' work last season when seven boys from Parker Memorial were taken to Camp Hale on Squam Lake where they were kept for all summer.

The boys of the South End have come to Parker Memorial in much larger numbers since the lower hall has been converted into a gymnasium, a change that in no way interfered with the other uses to which it has always been put. During a large part of the winter the boys used it regularly four evenings each week and also on Saturday mornings. The gymnasium instructor, Mr. L. A. Betteridge, has resided at Parker Memorial during the entire season and has given the closest supervision to the boys' gymnastic work. This innovation has been so successful in all respects that it suggests even larger possibilities for next season.

This same hall has also been used regularly by Miss Lucy Wheelock for her kindergarten classes, by Rev. Powhattan Bagnall for the Sunday night services of the Church of the Messiah, and on two evenings each week University Extension lectures have been given there by professors from Harvard College. In addition several clubs have utilized the stage which a year ago was refitted for amateur dramatics. This hall has also been used for conferences, public meetings and various entertainments and socials.

The large hall on the second floor has also given good service during the season. It has been the scene of a great variety of gatherings from large neighborhood parties to a grand opera concert. The fourth season of Parker Memorial Hall Sunday Afternoon Concerts was managed by the Superintendent and Mr. Wm. I. Cole of South End House. Boston's most accomplished musicians helped with their talent to make this season more than usually successful. These much prized concerts now occupy a unique place in the musical life of the city and each year attract a growing con-

stituency. That the Boston Opera Company cooperated last season by sending well known singers is an indication of the regard in which these concerts are held.

One of the most important functions has been to assist in promoting team work among the many organizations engaged in social work. The Boston Social Union, which is a federation of twenty settlements, continues to make use of Parker Memorial, and a large number of those settlements have had the privilege of using our halls and rooms for special occasions. We continue to cooperate with the South End Improvement Society, the Associated Charities, Brooke House, Y. W. C. A., Franklin Union, Franklin Square House, and with many local societies and clubs in the common practical undertakings affecting this part of the city.

HARRY BLAKE TAPLIN,
Superintendent

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

(Formerly Boston Flower and Fruit Mission, Organized by
Helen W. Tinkham in 1869.)

On Friday, September 13, 1912, the forty-third year of the Fruit and Flower Mission closed a successful season of fifteen weeks. The vestry of the Bulfinch Place Church was bright with the gorgeous colors of autumn, and the yield from the gardens made it seem as if nature took pleasure in doing her best for this last day. All summer the flowers have been beautiful and abundant. The undertaking is large, and although agreeable, the work is hard, yet all has gone smoothly owing to what the committee believes to be wise methods and the loyal cooperation of contributors and all concerned in helping forward the idea which prompted Miss Helen Tinkham long ago.

It is impossible to speak with sufficient appreciation of the earnest, faithful and often laborious offerings of thought and time given to the well-packed baskets; of the friendly action of the officials of the railroads in transporting these contributions free of charge; of the good will of the baggage men who handle the hampers and boxes, and of the always cheerful flower mission expressman, William P. Sullivan, whose duty it is to collect baskets at the stations and deliver them at headquarters, where the volunteers receive and arrange the contents for distribution.

This season's work really began in May with the distribution of lilacs, when many barrels of these fragrant favor-

ites were sent from Dorchester by two thoughtful contributors. A large number of blossoming geraniums were also sent early by a Brookline friend, and these brought much gratification to shut-in cases.

Among the regular contributions twice a week since the first of June have been two and sometimes three baskets filled with flowers and fine fruits and vegetables and eggs from the Newtonville Woman's Guild. The First Parish of Dorchester has sent in 4550 bouquets, besides many loose flowers. This church society was among the first to respond to the appeal of this mission, and several of its parishioners have been on the board of directors. The Altrurian Club of Shirley, in addition to a generous box of jellies and preserves at Thanksgiving, began early and continued the entire season a sequence of field and garden flowers from the first mountain laurel to the goldenrod.

A little coterie of Medford neighbors sent well-selected contributions, including quantities of pansies from the Lawrence estate. The Weston basket, four feet long, held splendid, long-stemmed garden beauties, while a little wicker basket from Cataumet modestly displayed the daintiest bunches of sweet peas that ever found their way to the mission. Arlington not only sent flowers generously, but also two volunteer visitors, whose regularity in attendance and cheerful enthusiasm meant a great deal during the busy mornings. The young people of the Unitarian Church in Gloucester contributed regularly, as did also the Walpole Women's Club, the Chestnut Hill Flower Guild, Unity Club of the Bridgewater Unitarian Church, Social Service Club of the West Newton Unitarian Church, Neighborhood Guilds of Northboro and Abington, while private estates in Brookline, Oak Hill, Newton, Beverly Farms, West Manchester, Milton, Wellesley and Canton Junction completed the regular list brought every week to these doors.

Individuals have also brought choice flowers from the florists and helped in that way to cheer the sick and the lone-

ly. Through the annual gifts of two Boston women a sufficient supply of fresh eggs, fine fruits, lemons and sugar has helped the committee to somewhat alleviate many temporary and chronic cases of illness during the tedious, warm season. Families of restricted means have found real satisfaction in the fresh vegetables which were carried to them.

The distribution of flowers regularly or occasionally has been to Berkeley Infirmary, South End, South Boston and Sunnyside Day Nurseries, Naval and Marine hospitals, Mt. Sinai Dispensary, Plymouth and St. Elizabeth hospitals, diet kitchens, Talitha Cumi home, District Nursing Association, Associated Charities cases, St. Stephens Mission, Morgan Memorial, Dr. John Dixwell, Robert Gould Shaw House, Elizabeth Peabody House, Hawthorne Club, Emmanuel House, Sand Garden on the Common, Charlesbank, Columbus avenue and Randolph street playgrounds, St. Bartholomew's Settlement of Cambridge, Frances Willard Settlement, Home for Aged Colored Women, Temporary Home for Working Women, besides the many bouquets to individual applicants and some private cases.

The volunteers to whom the committee is indebted for visiting the shut-ins, and for helping receive and arrange the flowers are: Mrs. Caroline Remick; Miss Florence Harris, Miss Rena Gray, Miss Alice Cotton, Miss Olive Moulton, Miss F. W. Manchester, Miss Mindora Kennedy, Miss Mary Wetherell, Mrs. Ellen Gorman and Miss S. B. Blanchard.

The committee consists of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln, Mrs. Robert Gould Shaw and William P. Fowler.

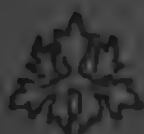
Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss Kate B. Littlefield have assisted in the Summer's work and with much faithfulness and efficiency.

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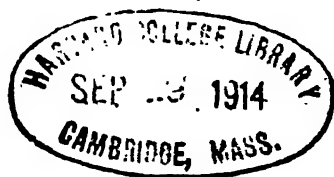
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the state of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

Foreword.

The Benevolent Fraternity of Churches was organized in 1834 to carry on in Boston a work known as the Ministry at Large, which for some years had been supported by the American Unitarian Association.

The Ministry at Large originated with a young men's society called "The Association for Religious Improvement," organized in 1822 by Frederick T. Gray, Benjamin H. Greene, Moses Grant and others, and which conducted, with the aid of Rev. Henry Ware Jr., Rev. Francis Parkman, Rev. Orville Dewey and other ministers, Sunday Evening Lectures in such places as Charter Street, Hatter's Square and Pitts Court. Because of difficulties, these were continued only two years, but the idea was not abandoned.

On Oct. 22, 1826, by invitation of this Association, Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, D. D., leaving Chelsea after a ministry of twenty-five years, joined it, having been appointed by the Unitarian Association leader in this new work. His resignation from Chelsea took effect on Nov. 4 and his first "Lecture" in Boston was given on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, in the loft of Smith's Circular Building on the corner of Merimack and Portland Streets, where on the following Sunday the Howard Sunday School was organized.

For two years Dr. Tuckerman worked from this centre, preaching and visiting. Then the chapel in Friend Street was built, succeeded in 1836 by Pitts Street Chapel, and this by Bulfinch Place Chapel in 1870. Dr. Tuckerman died in 1840.

In the meantime the work of the Ministry at Large had extended to other parts of the city and had counted among its leaders Charles Barnard, Frederick T. Gray, Robert C. Waterston, Andrew Bigelow, Samuel H. Winkley, Edwin J. Gerry, William P. Tilden and others. It had also extended

to other cities, notably Lowell, Providence, Portland, Me., and St. Louis. In England, following Dr. Tuckerman's visit in 1834, the same ministry was established, under the name of Domestic Missions, and in London, Liverpool, Manchester and other large cities it goes on successfully today.

Of the present centres in Boston, Bulfinch Place Church dates back to the beginning in 1826, the North End Union to 1854, Channing Church to 1859, and the Theodore Parker Memorial to 1889.

The phrase Ministry at Large was Dr. Tuckerman's own. Though he came to a work already initiated by others, he so enlarged and inspired it by his religious faith and enthusiasm, his love for humanity and his insight into social problems, that he is rightly honored not only as its founder, but as a forerunner of a philanthropy which should be at once humane and scientific. In his work for helping individuals, for advancing temperance, for the suppression of pauperism, for prison reform and discharged prisoners, for dependent or delinquent children, for the schools and the churches, he was far in advance of his time. In his writings may be found, clearly enunciated, the fundamental principles of our best modern charities and social service.

Upon such a foundation of history and honorable service the Ministry at Large of today stands, endeavoring to meet its modern problems in the old-time spirit and to do its work in the new-time ways.

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MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held on the evenings of the second Sunday of October, December and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

In behalf of the Board of Directors I submit the following report:

The past year, although one in which there have been no changes in management or policies at any of the chapels or branches, has been one of progress in many lines of the work which the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches is carrying on.

At Bulfinch Place Church, Rev. Christopher R. Eliot and his assistants have been serving the West End section of this city. This chapel the successor of the Friend Street and Pitts Street Chapels is maintaining today the traditions of the ministry-at-large established by Tuckerman and his successors. A new feature has been added to the various activities of this church, that of holding neighborhood meetings on Sunday evenings. These meetings have been well attended and have proved to be another means of reaching the people for their betterment.

The North End Union, as its name implies, working among the people of the North End of Boston has accomplished much good. The constituency of this branch, first almost wholly of Irish extraction, then Hebrew is now becoming largely Italian. Mr. Malgeri continues his work among this race and encouraging results are already noted. The building No. 20 Parmenter Street has been remodelled and renovated and is now given over entirely to the use of the Union. Club and class rooms for the teaching of cooking, sewing, millinery, dressmaking and housekeeping attract between 500 and 600 girls and women to this house each week, testifying to the constant use made of this building.

At Parker Memorial located in the South End of Boston, the usual classes, concerts and entertainments have been held. The headquarters of the District Associated Charities workers and the office of the secretary of the Boston Social Union are in this building. The Church of the Messiah, under Rev. Powhatan Bagnall continues to hold services here and the Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission makes use of the Parker Memorial building as one of its distributing centres.

From Channing Church come encouraging reports of the work which this chapel is accomplishing as a neighborhood church. A choral class was started here, which proved its worth in many ways.

An innovation, that of throwing the meetings of the Benevolent Fraternity open to all interested in its work was inaugurated this year. The first of these meetings was held in December and was devoted to the Bulfinch Place Church and Channing Church. The second in March gave the North End Union an opportunity to present the work which it is doing. The attendance at these meetings increased and should prove of value in enlisting further interest and support for the work of the Fraternity.

The Church in Brattle Square silver for many years in the custody of the Fraternity and kept at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts as a loan exhibit has been disposed of as follows; Fourteen of the pieces were donated to the Museum, \$1500 being raised by individuals and societies anxious that the Boston Museum should obtain absolute ownership of these pieces of silver. The remaining 14 duplicate pieces were sold for the sum of \$1500. The proceeds from these sales amounting to \$3000 is to be kept intact as a fund to be known as the Church in Brattle Square Silver Memorial Fund. The income from this fund is to be expended as the Fraternity Directors may decide.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Ernest Jackson for many years a valued member of this society,

serving on its Executive Committee and Board of Directors. As secretary he was conscientious and faithful in the discharge of the duties of that office. His kindly and courteous presence will be missed at our meetings.

N. WINTHROP ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1913.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,827.00	
Income from investments	14,246.20	
Contributions from friends	215.00	
Contributions from churches and organizations	4,793.40	
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church	300.00	
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches		
Fruit and Flower Mission	275.00	
		\$22,656.60

We have also received the following additions to our funds:—
 Thomas Gaffield Fund, additional from sale of land ... \$750.00
 Church in Brattle Square Memorial Fund, from sale of
 silver belonging to the Church in Brattle Square 3,000.00
 Estate Nancy E. Rust, bequest under will, additional 240.00

\$3,990.00

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,700.00	
City of Boston, 1912 taxes	308.32	\$5,008.32

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Rents received 1,527.00

Net expense \$3,481.32

North End Union.

Expenses	\$5,400.00	5,400.00
Rents received	1,300.00	

Net expense \$4,100.00

Italian Work at North End.

Expenses account salary of agent	1,200.00	
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Carried forward \$11,608.32

Brought forward	\$11,608.32	
Channing Church.		
Expenses		1,825.00
Bulfinch Place Church.		
Expenses	\$5,442.00	5,442.00
Home contribution	300.00	
Net expense	\$5,142.00	
Church of the Messiah.		
Expenses account salary of minister		600.00
Revere Unitarian Society.		
Expenses account salary of minister		100.00
Fruit and Flower Mission.		
Contributions received through the year	\$275.00	
Unexpended balance from last year	132.37	
	\$407.37	
Expenses	\$174.50	174.50
Surplus	\$232.87	
Administrative expenses		666.54
Examination of treasurer's books		25.00
Care and repair of buildings		615.86
Insurance		542.42
Printing annual report		150.00
		\$21,749.64
Income	\$22,656.60	
Expenditures	21,749.64	
	\$906.96	
Gain on securities sold	61.30	
Surplus	\$968.26	

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Arlington Street Church	\$2,099.15
King's Chapel	1,094.00
South Congregational Church	700.00
First Church in Boston	500.00
First Parish, Dorchester	125.00
Church of the Disciples	115.50
First Parish, West Roxbury	30.00
First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain.....	25.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	24.75
First Parish and First Church in Cambridge.....	20.00
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00
Third Religious Society, Dorchester	10.00
Church of the Unity, Neponset	10.00
First Parish, Brighton	10.00
Social Service Council of Unitarian Women.....	10.00

\$4,793.40

For Bulfinch Place Church

\$300.00

Friends.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100.00
Miss Ellen V. Smith	50.00
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00
H. C. Robbins	20.00
R. G. Fessenden	20.00

\$215.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1913, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE,

Auditor.

Boston, May 2nd, 1913.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, Assistants.

All the usual activities of Bulfinch Place Church have been carried on during the year and are briefly summarized below under their various headings. New interests are the Pleasant Sunday Evenings and the Eliot Circle Vacation House, both of which are experimental but full of promise. While it is possible to summarize the year's work to a certain extent, it is impossible to give any idea of the detailed service rendered to individuals or the community by the workers, paid or volunteer, or by the church as a whole. The amount of work which goes into the preparation for a single Sunday School entertainment, Club social or Christmas Party; the constant visiting in families and attention to individual needs; the planning of meetings and programmes; the oversight of clubs and classes; lectures and gymnasium, flower work and summer outings, not to mention the Sunday School and church,—all this it is as impossible to describe as it is to estimate the results in happiness or character. The minister would like, however, to express his appreciation of the unwearying fidelity of his two assistants, Miss Jones and Miss Stokes, upon whom so much of the detail work falls, and also to acknowledge the faithful service of many volunteers.

The Church. Regular services are held on Sunday afternoons at 3.15 o'clock from September to the middle of July. Our families are widely scattered, and partly for that reason the congregation is not large, seldom over seventy-five, except on festival Sundays when it rises to about twice that number. The Communion is observed on the first Sunday of the month and the members meet three times a year



BULFINCH PLACE CHAPEL

for a church supper and devotional service, with an average attendance of fifty. Our ministry-at-large brings us into touch with a large number who never attend church.

Pleasant Sunday Evenings. In February, an experiment was undertaken to see whether people of the neighborhood might not be interested to attend Sunday evening meetings of an informal, social character. Cards were freely distributed setting forth our religion as "Faith in God and Man, Hope for this world and the next, Good will, Good cheer, and Good works," and inviting all to come for a Pleasant Hour. Another card gave the program for the first evening, Instrumental Music, Baritone solos and Readings, with a friendly half-hour and light refreshments. Similar cards were issued every week for twelve weeks when it was thought best to close for the season. The expenses were met by a special appropriation from the Fraternity. The programs varied but always included music, stereopticon pictures or some other attraction. While no attempt was made to hold a religious service, hymns were sung and a reverent spirit was maintained. Among the speakers were Rev. Albert Lazenby (Scotch Readings), Rev. W. R. Lord (Birds: Their Use and Beauty), Rev. Thomas Van Ness (My Experiences in the Balkans), Mr. John S. C. Andrew (Old Boston), and Mr. Philip Davis (Conditions Among the Garment Makers). One evening was devoted to "Washington's Birthday" and another to Easter Music.

The results of these efforts were gratifying, for the average attendance, omitting one rainy evening, was one hundred. Some of these were our own people who came to help, but the large majority were strangers and precisely those whom we desire to reach, a large proportion being men. A spirit of friendliness prevailed and many words of sincere appreciation were heard. Frankly social, as distinguished from religious, the effect of each meeting was nevertheless uplifting and inspiring. They were what they were intended to be, Pleasant Sunday Evenings, and we believe that another season will show even better results.

The Howard Sunday School. Since the last report our Sunday School room has been retinted, and the ceiling whitened. Thirty oak chairs have been added to our stock, and a centre table for the Primary room, all the gift of the Howard S. S. Club. Four new pictures have been presented by clubs or individuals.

The total membership of the school, including teachers, is 198. The lessons have been from the "Acts of the Apostles" and the "Parables". All the Festival Days have been observed with the usual success and several entertainments have been given, in which the children and others took part. The Sunday School Teachers' Union has been welcomed twice, for its Christmas and February meetings. Our collections for the Children's Mission have amounted to \$123; and the Lend a Hand clubs have continued to render helpful service in various ways. A notable occasion was the Annual Supper, when the entertainment was a Flag Drill by the Elizabeth Turner Drill Corps and when a flag was presented to the School.

The Winkley Guild. Closely associated with the Sunday School is the Winkley Guild, organized in 1891, and holding its meetings every other Sunday at 6.30 P. M. The program this year emphasized the heroic and patriotic virtues and also the value of religion to young people.

The Women's Alliance. Meeting twice a month, the Alliance has studied Social Questions, with many interesting speakers. A Sale of Preserves and Pickles added to its treasury and in addition to its usual work for the Post Office Mission, Cheerful Letter Exchange and churches in need of a helping hand, about \$160 were contributed towards the expense of our own church. The Alliance also connects us closely with the Unitarian Association, the Sunday School Society and the National Alliance, by its annual contributions and the hospitality it offers during Anniversary Week.

The Eliot Circle. This is a Lend a Hand Club, composed of about 175 women. While it meets but once a

month, it holds together loyally and accomplishes a great deal of good. A mite-box collection at every meeting is devoted to some Lend a Hand purpose. Every meeting has a lesson of its own for the members. A Christmas Party, a Valentine Party, a Picnic, not only bring pleasure to the Circle itself but to many invited guests, and on other occasions, as at the May Festival, the New Year's Reception, or the Pleasant Sunday Evenings, the members render valuable service. The Circle is an open door through which many find their way into closer connection with the Church or Sunday School.

The latest work undertaken by this Club is to manage a Vacation House at North Andover for its members and other women needing rest. This opportunity has come through the thoughtful generosity of the North Andover family to whom the house belongs. It is known as the Charlotte Home, will accommodate twenty guests, and is completely furnished for such a purpose. The plan is to give each guest from one to three weeks, charging a small board. The house is beautifully situated on Lake Cochickewick, with plenty of trees and wide fields and a large, roomy barn. It is in fact a comfortable, up-to-date home, ready for immediate use. The first party of eighteen took possession on July 1. Miss Stokes, with an efficient committee, is in charge.

Lend-a-Hand and Other Clubs. The list includes the John Howard, the Comfort Carriers, the Red, White and Blue, the Mildred Ellis, the Loyal Helpers, the Red Shield, the Abraham Lincoln, the May Club and the Eliot Circle already mentioned. Two of these are composed of young women, three of boys, one of girls and three of older women. The membership runs from six to twenty, not including the Eliot Circle which has one hundred and seventy-five members. Each club has its own meetings for business or sociability and its own Lend-a-Hand work, but all meet together once a year for reports and to elect a President and

General Secretary. They also conduct a May Festival and this year they gave a New Year's Reception to the minister and his wife, pledging their loyal interest and support.

The Temperance Society. Meetings of this Society were held on three Sunday afternoons, after church. The speakers were Rev. Charles F. Dole, Mr. Mitchell Freiman and Mrs. Eva White. The purpose of the Society includes Temperance, Good Citizenship and Neighborhood Improvement. A Boys' Branch was started this winter and three meetings were held. While the membership has not been large, the Society serves a good purpose in keeping the Temperance flag flying.

Entertainments. These have been chiefly for our own people and their friends. They have given us many "good-times", as the following list will indicate: Sunday School Rally in September, Harvest Festival, a Mother Goose Carnival, the Christmas Tree, the Eliot Circle Christmas Party, the New Year's Reception, the Valentine Party, an Indoor Circus, Patriotic Tableaux, the Sunday School Supper and the Old Ladies' Party.

Several of the clubs have had their own social meetings, with supper and simple entertainment. One club gave a very successful dance in Blackwell Hall. The Old Ladies' Party was the sixty-seventh, the first having been given in 1847. There were over one hundred and forty-seven guests, the largest number for several years.

Wednesday Evening Lectures. Two courses of Stereopticon lectures, eleven in all, have been given. This was the thirteenth season, and in spite of the increasing number of similar courses and the moving picture shows the attendance was good. A small admission is charged, to help cover expenses and to insure an appreciative audience.

Saturday Evening Reading Room. The parlors on the ground floor are open every Saturday evening during the winter for the boys of the neighborhood. Magazines, books and games are provided and a cup of cocoa at 9 o'clock.

The average attendance is about thirty and a marked improvement in cleanliness and order has been noticed. A personal interest in the boys is taken and a stamp-savings bank is found to be helpful. This work was started and is still carried on by the Red, White and Blue Club.

Saturday Classes. The Sphinx Club continues its Saturday classes in Sewing, Embroidery, Wood-work, Elocution, Piano and Violin music. The total enrollment has been 77; the total by classes, 100. There were ten teachers, nine volunteer, one paid.

The Gymnasium. Seven times a week during the season (October to May), the gymnasium has been open for class work. The West End House has had a large class for young men on two evenings and for boys two afternoons. The Swedish Gymnasium Club met on two evenings. Another group of boys came once a week. The West End House and the Swedish Club employ their own teachers and make a contribution to the church for the expense of lighting, heating and janitor service.

The Instructive District Nursing Association. The Branch Station of this Association, for the North and West Ends, has continued to occupy one of our rooms, to the benefit of all concerned. The purpose of the Association is three-fold, to help the sick, to educate families in the rules of hygiene and health, and to train nurses for the special work of district nursing. The work is so important, and its results are so beneficial, that we are proud to have some part in it. Moreover we have benefited directly by having the station so close at hand.

Summer Work. During the vacation, as in the winter, the church was open every week day from 10 to 12. Parish visiting was continued and any cases of need were provided for. The Flower Mission work went on as usual, that of the Benevolent Fraternity on Fridays and the Mutual Helpers' on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Groups of children and adults were taken once or twice a week for day outings

to Nantasket, Nahant or the Parks. Longer vacations were arranged for about twenty-five individuals, the cost being met by the Helen Edmands' fund or the generosity of friends.

"Our Work". This little paper is closing its ninth year. Its cost is met partly by individual subscriptions and partly by the clubs and societies interested. It serves an excellent purpose as a bond of union and a record of progress.

During the season the church has served various interests outside its own regular work, as follows: King's Chapel, for a Sale of Garments; the Sunday School Teachers' Union for two meetings; the West End Woman's Suffrage Association for a meeting in the interest of the Garment Makers; the Fellowship for Social Justice for its annual meeting and an overflow evening meeting; the Women's Alliance for the Anniversary Week hospitality when over two thousand lunches were served.

The church is deeply indebted to the Tuckerman Sewing Circle (now in its 86th year) for its generous gifts of money; to King's Chapel, the Second Church and the Fragment Society for clothing; to the Wollaston Unitarian Society and the Belmont Church for entertaining groups of children; to the Howard S. S. Club for gifts to the Sunday School and to the family of the late Mrs. Mose T. Stevens of North Andover for the Vacation House. To all these, as well as to many individuals who have helped us by volunteer service or gifts, we give our heartfelt thanks.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

May 1913.



PRINTING SCHOOL NORTH END UNION

The North End Union

20 Parmenter Street
Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street

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The School of Printing—

Apprenticeship Committee of the Boston Typothetae Board of Trade: Geo. H. Ellis, Henry P. Porter, J. W. Phinney.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In presenting this report of the North End Union we have departed from the custom of previous years, in that the reports of the various departments have been prepared by those having them in charge. This gives a more direct and personal point of view, because it is the expression of those actually doing the work.

In considering these reports, which are necessarily brief because of the limited space allowed, it should be kept in mind that our constituency is ever changing. While the exodus of the Jews has been going on for some time, it has been specially noticeable for the past year. Of the 2,400 children in the Hancock School opposite, 94 per cent are

Italians; the balance is made up of several other nationalities. While it is desirable to do what may be done to help assimilate the foreigners, who are coming to our shores in such large numbers, into our civic life, yet the work which promises the largest returns is with the children.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

By Miss Mary P. Ingalls, in Residence at the Children's House.

During the past year the Children's House has had six hundred girls in its membership. Two-thirds of these have been Italian; of the remaining third, the majority were Jewish, a few Polish, Portuguese, and Irish. In dealing with all these girls the most important thing to strive for is a close personal relationship between the teacher, a club leader, and the girl. It should be remembered that all of the clubs and classes are a means to this end. The following is a brief summary of the weekly activities of the Children's House:

Playroom, every afternoon except Saturday.

Three dressmaking classes.

Nine sewing classes.

Four dancing classes.

Two classes in gymnastics.

Five cooking classes.

Classes in singing and art.

Seven clubs for working girls.

The library, which is open one evening a week for all the girls, has had a circulation of fourteen hundred books.

The experiment of giving each dressmaking class two lessons a week was tried this year, and Mrs. Lathrop, the dressmaking teacher, has had even more than her usual success.

The new room on the first floor has afforded accommodation for more classes than usual. The rear is used as a

cooking room, folding doors separating it from the rest of the room. This also gives a place in which refreshments may be prepared. When the folding doors are set back against the wall it makes a hall large enough for small dances and socials. Shelves have been built in the front of the room, which has made it possible to enlarge the library.

The summer work consists of flower mission, excursions, cooperation with other organizations for giving the children vacations in the country, and home visiting.

During the months of May and June, socials for Italian mothers have been held once a week. The entertainment consisted of music, games and simple refreshments. These meetings have not only brought the Italian women into touch with the Children's House where their children are coming continually, but have given them a chance to mingle together socially and to have an evening of recreation. At the last meeting sixteen mothers and thirty-seven children were present. These socials have been so successful that we intend continuing them in the fall.

We have felt keenly the loss of Miss Stocker in the work. She has been confined at her home with a severe illness since last January. However, the Union has been extremely fortunate in procuring Miss Georgia Stearns, a Smith College graduate, to fill Miss Stocker's place.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

By George H. Evans, Assistant Superintendent.

A small boy being asked the question, "What are little boys like you good for?" answered truly, "Please, sir, little boys like me are the stuff they make men of." How little do we think of boys in this light. It is only men and women, who are devoting their lives to this work, that dwell upon the above thought. We try to look ahead ten or fifteen years and plan accordingly.

The difficult part of the work is that every boy is different and no plan fits two boys. First we must know our boy, study him, and then so tactfully lead him that he is almost unconscious of our guiding. He looks upon us as a big brother or sister. To be successful, we must lay aside books and theories part of the time and go to the boy himself for study.

That work of this kind is a paying investment is summed up in the address that Horace Mann gave at the opening of an institution for boys. In the course of the lecture he made the statement that if only one boy was saved from ruin by its means, it would be a paying investment for all the cost and care and labor of establishing such an institution as that anywhere in the land. At the close of the exercises a gentleman rallied Mr. Mann upon his seemingly exaggerated statement, saying, "Did you not color that a little when you said that all the expense and labor would be repaid if it saved only one boy?"

"Not if it was my boy," was the solemn and convincing answer.

That the North End Union is a paying investment has been proven over and over again by the many successful business men around town. It has always felt that to build high we must dig deep.

One year ago the Jewish boys and girls were leading in numbers, but today they are outnumbered by Italians. Thus the work has not been up to the usual standard in its club work. In the case of the Italian boy, "We must first catch the rabbit before we can have the pie."

This year we have had one Polish, one Jewish-and-Italian, seven Jewish, and ten Italian clubs.

The gymnasium, under Mr. Krock, has been very good. We organized a basket-ball league which was a great success. There were three evenings a week devoted to gymnasium work.

Each Monday evening this season we had a dancing class for boys and girls under eighteen years of age. We were unusually strict in regard to the style of dancing and the class of music. The boys and girls accepted these regulations very gracefully.

This department has been able to assist nineteen boys in court and in many cases kept them from going to reform schools and jails.

We have received a great deal of assistance from the hospital and prominent physicians during the year. In all, about one hundred boys received treatment. We wish to thank all of our medical friends for the kindness and help.

This year there was organized a club called the "North End Union Credit Union." Its purpose is to encourage thrift among its members. It has about \$500.00 in its treasury.

We wish to thank all of those who so generously gave their assistance in the work of the Boys' Division.

THE SCHOOL OF PRINTING.

By A. A. Stewart, Instructor.

The work of the School of Printing for the past year has followed along the same general lines as for the past several years. The aim has been to train young men specifically for the printer's trade, making a careful selection of those who have the requisite qualifications as to education and character. The working time of the School is similar to that of the regular workshops and the instruction is carried on with practical work in which each pupil is given ample opportunity to learn all the fundamental operations of producing a correct piece of typographic printing. This means more than mere type-setting and presswork; it includes correct spelling, punctuation, use of language, and the elements of design and taste which must enter into good printing.

The selection of boys of good qualifications and training them in the fundamentals of intelligent and efficient craftsmanship are questions that are now being considered more than ever before by employing printers. Because of the importance which it places on these phases of trade training, as well as for its distinctive system of apprenticeship, which it has carried on for a number of years, the work of the School of Printing has been attracting favorable attention from printers throughout the country and from educators and others interested in promoting industrial education.

During the past year the experiment has been tried with pupils on a part-time scheme. By arrangement with employers several pupils have been coming to the School one week and the next week working in their employers' workshops. From the viewpoint of the pupil's progress in learning his trade and in helping himself to earn his way, there can be little doubt of the desirability of the part-time plan of trade training. There is little doubt, also, that the ultimate results of such a plan would be to the great advantage of the employers, because of the increased intelligence and efficiency of the young men who are growing up in their workrooms. It is felt, however, that until employers individually will undertake the initiative of sending their young employees to trade classes for supplementary instruction ideal results can not be expected, at least so far as the School is concerned. The part-time plan will depend, more than any other effort put forth by the School management, upon the active cooperation of employers and their foremen for satisfactory results.

MODIFIED MILK STATION.

By Miss M. Alice Gallagher, Nurse in Charge.

In addition to the routine duties of the Milk Station such as dispensing milk, visiting, holding conferences and

weighing babies, classes have been held weekly, for girls from seven to twelve years of age, averaging eighteen in number.

Everything pertaining to the care of a well baby has been carefully and seriously taught, examinations have been held, demonstrations given before members of the School Committee, a class of public school children and a girl's club. At the end of the year's work an exhibition was given, attended by over two hundred mothers, fathers, nurses and social workers. One half hour is devoted to this class work and the other to dancing and games.

Another branch of social work successfully developed this year has been the Lunch held in the Children's House once a month. This lunch was prepared by one of the social workers and the cost divided. The value of such meetings cannot be overestimated. Various problems were discussed among members of numerous organizations representing the Associated Charities, Public Schools, Factories, Instructive District Nursing Association, Bureau of Child Hygiene, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, social workers connected with the North End Union and the Milk and Baby Hygiene Association.

Speakers of note gave us many helpful ideas from time to time, ideas which brought us new points of view and averted the danger of narrowness attendant upon working along one line.

These developments along purely social lines would have been impossible outside of the settlement house where we have found room to expand. Each year we ask for more and more room to grow, until the North End Union, which has been in hearty and cordial co-operation with this special work of the Milk and Baby Hygiene Association, has been obliged to make us, in a sense, a part of itself, a combination highly beneficial to the educational side of the Milk and Baby Hygiene work.

THE SECOND REUNION AND DINNER.

Thomas Connolly, Presiding.

The Alumni Association of the North End Union held its second reunion and banquet at the Boston City Club on May 6.

Nearly one hundred and fifty former members of the Union were present, together with the following invited guests: Hon. Joseph C. Pelletier, district attorney of Suffolk County; Abraham C. Webber (former member), assistant district attorney; Rev. Edward A. Horton, Rev. Edward Cummings, Hon. Louis A. Frothingham, George H. Ellis, Capt. James F. Sullivan, Horace L. Channell, George H. Evans, Samuel F. Hubbard.

When one remembers that these boys, now to manhood grown and engaged in their life's work—business men, lawyers, doctors, and other professions—did not belong, when members of the Union, to the so-called favored class, most of them former newsboys, and all obliged to contribute something to the family income, it was a notable gathering. As was emphasized more than once during the evening, "we all have graduated from the university of hard knocks." To those of us who had been identified with the work of the Union from the beginning, more than twenty years ago, it was most gratifying to hear their outspoken, sincere words of appreciation of what the Union had done for them, and their expressions of loyalty to it.

At my request, Rev. Edward A. Horton, who was one of the guests and speakers of the evening, gives the following brief statement of his impressions of the meeting:

"The conspicuous feature of the occasion was the enthusiasm; a fervor which sprang from a genuine loyalty and love. The large number present testified by an intelli-



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Second Reunion and Banquet

gent appreciation, as hearty as it was universal, to the benefits they had received from the fostering care of the North End Union. And this sentiment, so generously expressed toward Superintendent Hubbard and his associates, went out also in a zeal of unselfish desire to perpetuate these advantages for others. This seemed to me the seal of merit in the exercises of the evening. I have no doubt that the intentions of the graduates, as expressed then and there, will be carried out, and we shall see a 'North End Union Alumni Association' fully organized, and constantly serving the institution in many co-operating ways.

"It must have been a great gratification to Mr. Hubbard to behold the fruits of his arduous labors so strikingly arrayed before him, and to receive the spontaneous affection of these young men. It certainly was cheering proof to the Benevolent Fraternity of good work well done in many ways for citizenship, character, and community welfare.

"The new order of things at Parmenter Street is twenty years old, and by its record can its policy be tested. With wise adaptation to the shifting environment, opportunities have been seized, and a strong civic idealism been brought to bear on the boys and girls; time now tells the tale of a noble Americanization of the varied nationalities. Practical duties and theoretical ideas have gone hand in hand. Out of the many races has come one type, for these new citizens share high standards and law-abiding motives."

A permanent organization of the Alumni Association was formed at this meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

John F. Evans, president; Joseph Spencer, first vice-president; Solomon Todtman, second vice-president; Jacob W. Krokyn, treasurer; Max M. Fritz, Secretary; Israel Ruby, assistant secretary.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF UNITARIAN WOMEN. ITALIAN COMMITTEE.

Mrs. George H. Root, Chairman, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord,
Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, Miss Frederika Wendte.
Advisory Member, Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard.

The Italian Committee of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women have met once a week from October to July, with Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Malgeri at the North End Union.

Mr. Francis P. Malgeri is the Italian Social Worker in the service of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and under the direct supervision of the Social Service Council. The Benevolent Fraternity has assigned Mr. Malgeri to headquarters at the North End Union, as in this section of Boston the Italian problem seems most immediate.

At the meetings of the Italian Committee, Mr. Malgeri submits his weekly reports, which are discussed, and his work planned for the coming week.

Following is Mr. Malgeri's statement, given in his own unique English, concerning his work for 1912-13, his first year with the Benevolent Fraternity and the Social Service Council:

REPORT ON ITALIAN WORK.

By Francis P. Malgeri.

I think honest to begin this brief on Italian work with saying, frankly, that I am not satisfied of it. We could not, of course, expect more, because it was a totally new enterprise, and with a new and foremost difficult element to deal with. It might be said that, during this first year, we accomplished a tentative, rather than a systematic and a constructive work. We could realize, nevertheless, how many opportunities may come up, and how many needs we have to face. We tried, in this year, musical Clubs, Band con-

certs, and Dancing parties; not so much for educational purpose, but intended, chiefly, to invite people to COME AND SEE, and to begin considering the N. E. U. as the natural People House in this section of the City.

For a few weeks we had a class on Civil Government, each lesson followed by a short illustrated lecture. It should have been worth while to look at those simple and common laborers, and to see how eagerly they followed the speaker. Our experience proved that the better means to give those foreigners a thorough knowledge of our institutions, is to teach them in their own language, and in the way which appeals better to their minds. Our idea is to improve that piece of work in the next year, and to include American History as a matter of study.

Another important feature of work was to favor the formation of clubs, associations and any other meeting, called by Italians, for social, educational, and intellectual betterment. Such piece of work is far more important than appears at first, because we may hold direction and moral control of any good and profitable movement, among people living around us, arresting to some extent, the evil influence of demagogic leaders.

Later in the season, we had classes in Italian for Police Officers, following those for District and hospital nurses, and to employees of the Naturalization office.

Recently we started a Chorus Class, for Italian young men and women, which is very promising.

Finally, the last, and certainly, the most efficient and needed work has been taken up by the Misses Ingalls and Stearns, in co-operation with me, to go around on friendly visiting of Italian families, beginning with those of the children already frequenting the Union. Every Monday evening mothers are invited to meet, at the Children House, for a social hour, to talk on various subjects interesting their home life. We expect that such a work may be enlarged and improved the next year. It is promising, because about 20

mothers are coming to the meetings, although the visiting work had begun only three weeks ago.

If the principal aim of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women which is actively indented with the work for the Italians, is to bring the beneficial activities of the N. E. U. in the common daily life of the North End People, the way is now open, and we have only to follow it to the end.

ADDITIONAL WORK

Various other activities, not classified under the above headings, such as girls' gymnasium, and Frothingham Club under the direction of Miss Frothingham, the Dante Club under Miss Perry, Sunday School, Saturday Morning Sewing School under the direction of Miss Mary P. Barnes, Miss Mary L. Bibbey, and twenty teachers; a course of ten Illustrated Lectures, Reading Room, Library, and Game Room in charge of Mr. Channell, have been carried on as usual.

There is no lack of work in sight; it is simply a question of which to do and the means at hand—time, space, money, and helpers.

The Union is under obligation to the many willing workers who have contributed so much towards the success achieved; and to them we give our hearty, appreciative thanks.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, Superintendent.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street and Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.

Thirteen is accounted an unlucky number. Not so with Channing Church. Probably in no past year has the Church had so much happy activity and loyal interest as in this thirteenth year of its history. This is true not only in connection with the established customs of the past but with the new ventures of the present.

Neighborhood conditions are changing. People are on the move. It is a severe loss when families that have been identified with us for thirteen, ten, five years move away. In this shifting locality, who, moving in, is likely to have for us their love and zeal? Also we are in proximity to Protestant Churches which, save one, are large establishments with extensive resources and reputations. Moreover certain churches of Boston proper like Tremont Temple and Bulfinch Place Chapel, draw from our immediate neighborhood. The members of Channing Church feel a degree of satisfaction that in spite of many growing difficulties their persistent efforts have been crowned with the happiness and profit and success of the past year. The last day of the fiscal year happened to come on the appointed time of the annual parish meeting, preceded by the supper. It was a happy event to gather around the common board, later to sing together hearty familiar songs, and to hear the reports of a full and active year. Striking features of the year are these.

WOMAN'S ALLIANCE.

Ten new members and the best year the Alliance has yet had. A Gentleman and Guest Night with Mrs. Bauker, president of The Municipal League, as speaker. Other speakers for the year as follows: Rev. Roger S. Forbes, Mrs.

Caroline S. Atherton, Mrs. Claude U. Gilson, Rev. William S. Key, Mrs. Lillian P. Harden and Mrs. Maude H. Wellman, Mrs. George H. Root. Donated to the home Church one hundred and forty dollars.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The substitution of the children giving, instead of giving to the children, at Christmas time. A full Church at the Christmas Song and Candle Service. Three infants dedicated on Flower and Children's Sunday. Eleven names placed on the permanent Roll of Honor for perfect attendance. A Baby Party with parents and grandparents. Three Church programs. A Boston University student hired to conduct classes in the gymnasium and to lead Boys' Class on Sundays. A play by the boys from which \$22.00 was turned in to the School.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD.

Three special Sunday Evening Meetings with an average attendance of 132, at one of which Rev. William Sullivan of Schenectady spoke. Two parties and an unusually fine concert for the benefit of the Church.

MEN'S CLUB.

A Guest Night with representations from all the Unitarian Men's Clubs in Dorchester, at which Mr. William Filene spoke on The New Ideal in Business. A Ladies' Night with entertainment. Other speakers: Mr. Livy Richard of The Boston Common on After the Battle (Election): The Next Step; Mr. Henry Armstrong on Ingersol's Voltaire; Rev. E. S. Meredith on Old and New Ireland; Mr. Frank Mendum on Porto Rico; Rev. L. K. Smith on Indians I Have Known.

STURTEVANT CIRCLE.

Adopting of an invalid woman as "a friend" to be visited and cheered each week. Furnished candles at the Christmas Song and Candle service. Paid freight on barrel of clothing sent to the Ohio Flood sufferers.

INNOVATIONS OF THE YEAR.

Channing Choral Society.—Organized in October with average membership of twenty-five through the season. Furnished music at the Thanksgiving Service. Rendered the cantata, *The Hope of the World*, at Christmas time for both Channing Church and Bulfinch Place Chapel. Sang at the Fall meeting of the Benevolent Fraternity. Ended the season with an elaborate concert.

Good Citizenship Meetings.—A series of meetings held on Sunday nights ending with the Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook Meeting. Twenty minutes of high grade music, vocal or instrumental, followed by appropriate reading from the Bible and other sources, prayer, address, questions from the floor answered by the speaker, closing song and benediction.

Adult Forum. Well attended, immediately after morning service. Object to know more of our social institutions,—their aims, work and needs,—such as The Boston Floating Hospital, The Humane Society, Children's Mission, The Hale House, The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Miss Freda Rogolsky also vividly told how the ideals and expectations of an immigrant coming to America were met, and Mr. Jack London recited what the George, Jr., Republic can do for young men in need.

Dorchester Sunday School Assembly. A Sunday afternoon meeting when 182 delegates from all the Unitarian Sunday Schools in Dorchester assembled under one roof. Singing led by organ, piano and orchestra; speaking, story-

telling, greetings. Special guests, besides the Ministers and Superintendents of the Churches represented, President William I. Lawrence, Dr. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, Vermont, Miss Frances Dadmun and Mrs. Emma Cole of Winchester, Mass.

A statement, practically complete, of money raised by the various societies of the Parish is as follows: The Parish (subscriptions, donations, and all money coming direct into the Church treasury) \$669.17; Sturtevant Circle, \$10.07; Men's Club, \$48.00; Woman's Alliance, \$171.00; Young People's Guild, \$59.53; Sunday School, \$63.50; Channing Choral Society, \$221.85. This makes the total of \$1242.92 which the Church has raised this year. At the close of the fiscal year, May 1st, there was a cash balance of \$139.08 on hand which would bring the actual balance if all bills were in and met, just about even.

The Sunday morning service of worship has been devout and hearty, with singing furnished as for the last four years by a young people's chorus. The average attendance for forty-three mornings has been 63 and a fraction. Twelve evening services, of all characters, have netted an average attendance of 110. The Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook meeting on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving day had an attendance of 90. We have welcomed to our pulpit in exchange of ministers, our Congregationalist neighbor, Rev. F. L. Luce; Rev. George F. Pratt of Christ Church, Dorchester; Rev. Bradley Gilman, of Canton; Rev. Roger S. Forbes of the First Parish, Dorchester. Also as guests Dr. J. Edward Wright of Montpelier, Vt., Dr. Samuel A. Eliot of the A. U. A., and Rev. Ward Clarke of Saco, Maine.

From this partial list of our activities, which must reveal something of the spirit that animates our work, worship and recreation, we feel justified in saying that the thirteenth year has not been "unlucky," but fortunate and happy. Submitted, respectfully, for the parish,

CHARLES PHELPS WELLMAN, Minister.

Parker Memorial

11 Appleton Street.

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Alice V. Rogers, Secretary.

A real need was met when a new kitchen with complete modern equipment was installed at Parker Memorial. Day and evening classes in cookery, sewing and marketing were organized in October for all who registered. The courses outlined were thoroughly practical and claimed the continued interest of the pupils until the end of the season in June. The instruction proved of especial value both to homemakers and to those engaged in domestic service. One class was conducted for school girls of the immediate neighborhood who showed their genuine interest by regular attendance and thorough application to their work.

In addition to the regular sewing and dressmaking classes for women a special "fitting class" was started in response to a demand for such technical instruction. In order to make this practically a trade class it was put in charge of an experienced fitter who directs that department in one of the large Boston stores. Ready made clothing and garments of many kinds were fitted by the pupils in the same manner in which the work would be done in the stores, with the result that the class instruction commended itself to all.

There was the usual satisfactory registration in the dress-making and millinery classes which were conducted by the

same instructors as last year. An increasing number are using this opportunity to secure a thorough trade training to fit them for the best positions in the large millinery and dressmaking establishments. Three members of the dress-making classes who sought to qualify as sewing teachers in the public schools of Boston took the general examinations set for that purpose and ranked as the three highest on the list. It is interesting to note that the highest honors were taken by the only one of the three who had had no other instruction than that received at Parker Memorial although she was competing with pupils from the best professional schools and colleges.

At the annual exhibition and reception in May the friends of the members had the privilege of viewing the thorough work which the classes had done during the season, and several were moved to inquire regarding the possibility of registering another year. This social occasion was made doubly enjoyable through the kindness of the Herford Clubs in providing an excellent musical entertainment which was appreciated by all.

The dancing classes concluded a sane and normal season despite the fact that many of the dances which are popular at present but of doubtful value were not taught at Parker Memorial. The fee for these classes was increased so as to provide additional music.

The complete registration for the adult classes was as follows: millinery 115, dressmaking 114, cookery 71 and dancing 133, making a total of 433. In addition there was a class for 16 school girls in cookery and another for 29 girls in dramatics.

A distinct advance was made last season in training both the girls and the boys of the neighborhood in dramatics. Miss Hanson organized a dramatic class for girls and Mr. Olds a dramatic club for boys. In conjunction with children from nearby Brooke House an interesting entertainment was given in the large hall including choral singing, folk dancing,

a simple flower pageant and two original plays. As this was attended by many parents and friends it served as a means of increasing neighborly acquaintance and proved to be one of the most successful undertakings of the whole season.

Having been closely identified with the development of the local work of the Boy Scouts of America since its inception, Parker Memorial organized its own troop, number 32, from among the American school boys living in the so-called lodging house section. This troop had the good fortune to be in charge of a scout master who was raised in the South End and therefore knows the boys' problems. A member of Hale House for many years, he learned the first principles of work with boys and how to apply them. As a result the scouts of troop 32 have not only met regularly all winter but have shown a real interest and a marked advance in their work. Having taken several over-night hikes into the country they are now alive to its advantages and are preparing to spend two weeks at a scout camp during the heat of the summer, where they will have every opportunity to apply their scout craft daily.

Since the lower hall has been converted into a gymnasium it has been used regularly afternoons and evenings for the instruction of boys and girls in physical culture. These classes have proved so beneficial that the results obtained fully justify the policy of reserving the hall for that purpose. The boys and young men also enjoyed the privilege of conducting basketball games and other athletic contests to which their friends were admitted. The improved shower baths were much appreciated, receiving almost constant use throughout the season.

The boys have continued to use two of the basement rooms for carpentry and clay modeling classes, and on the top floor two large rooms for club meetings. Some of the young men's clubs have had large public gatherings, such as

a debate or a declamation contest, in the upper hall. All of the clubs have had dancing, dramatic or other social occasions at Parker Memorial during the past year.

The Sunday morning kindergarten for the small children of the immediate neighborhood has continued to show an excellent attendance. Miss Tufts has called at the homes of the children who came regularly and has sought to bring Parker Memorial more closely in touch each year with the people living nearby, thus widening the circle of influence and service in the Castle Square district.

The many recent improvements in the building have made it possible to accomplish much that otherwise could not have been undertaken. The club and class rooms were made better adapted to their uses, a new floor suitable for large dances was laid in the upper hall, the gymnasium was newly equipped and the heating plant of the entire building was thoroughly overhauled. As a result Parker Memorial is now in a better position to conduct neighborhood work than ever before.

The building is used by a large number of organizations working along similar civic and social lines and is gradually becoming a common meeting place for many people of different races, religions and traditions. By so doing it is fulfilling its true function and accomplishing its best results.

One course of the University Extension lectures has met regularly at Parker Memorial on Thursday nights. Miss Wheelock has continued to use the buildings for the many large classes of her kindergarten training school. The Boston Social Union and the Associated Charities (District Eleven) have retained their offices adjoining the main office of Parker Memorial. South End House and Hale House have again co-operated with Parker Memorial in conducting the fifth series of Sunday Afternoon Concerts which were so largely attended by music lovers. The South End Improvement Society once more held its annual banquet at Parker Memorial which is conveniently located for such occasions.

An effort has been made to extend the field of co-operation in new directions so as to secure the maximum of efficiency in dealing with the social problems of a complex neighborhood. In conjunction with others a special map was prepared at Parker Memorial indicating the places of public recreation, the dance halls, hotels, Chinese restaurants, saloons and theatres. Members of staff have sought to work in constant operation with the various settlements, the Associated Charities and the many other organizations working for the betterment of the South End. There is also an encouraging prospect of coming into closer relations with the public schools. There is a distinct need of studying the vocational possibilities of the boys and girls in the grammar schools with a view to advising the right future occupation. Social workers who are already in touch with home conditions and who possess an intimate knowledge of the children are in a position to be of real assistance in this new field, vocational guidance. Also by cooperating with public and private health agencies it is possible to introduce preventive and correctional measures that help to prepare the children for the strenuous work which lies before them.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

(Formerly Boston Flower and Fruit Mission, Organized by
Helen W. Tinkham in 1869.)

Through the generosity of many friends the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches has been able to make large distributions during its forty-fourth season, which closed today. Since its inception as the Boston Flower and Fruit Mission by Miss Helen W. Tinkham (the first undertaking of its kind in the world) it has been carried on so nearly on the same lines and in the same spirit which she created that the annual summaries of work vary but little.

Every year it meets with the continued loyal support and the same urgent plea from all quarters of the city for the flowers. Every year brings a faithful group of willing workers to headquarters, and friendly good will all along the way, from the little boy who offers a box of huckleberries, to the officials of the railroads, and the baggagemen who handle all the baskets at the terminals to pass them over to the Flower Mission expressman.

The regular distribution began on June 3, but there were two distributions in May of lilacs from friends in Dorchester and Medford, one distribution of potted plants which have brightened many dark window-sills in the city during the summer, and an early distribution of spring flowers such as columbine, deutzia, weigela, peonies and lady-delights from the Dorchester Branch. This Branch had its origin in the First Parish Unitarian Church, and it now has the cooperation of St. Mary's and other neighboring churches and has sent to the Flower Mission this year more than twenty-five hundred bouquets beside many loose flowers.

Another generous source of supply is the Newtonville Women's Guild, which has an excellent system of requesting all the Newtonville churches having representatives among the

members of the Guild to be responsible for certain contributions. The result was overflowing baskets of good cheer and fragrance.

From the private gardens of friends in West Manchester, Weston, North Beverly and Newton have come boxes and baskets of fine vegetables and fancy apples. From Beverly Farms the sweet fern and bayberry mingled with the beautiful garden flowers. The Altrurian Club of Shirley, which also sends jelly to the Mission at Thanksgiving, sent more than thirty large baskets of garden flowers during the summer. The Ossaiwa Camp for Girls in Northboro sent pond-lilies and other flowers, and the regular Northboro Branch sent generous contributions all through the season. From Medford, one of the earliest and longest established contributing sources, and from Park street, Medford, have come more than sixty baskets of flowers and fruit. Arlington sends generous contributions and friendly helpers. Chestnut Hill sends through a church and neighborhood group; Gloucester through the young people of the Unitarian Church and others; Weston through an energetic neighborhood group; Georgetown through the First Congregational Church; Hingham through the Lend-a-Hand Club of the North Church; Milton, Wellesley, Falmouth, Needham, and Lexington from private estates; West Newton from the Unitarian junior parish; Newton Centre from friends who also sent a large contribution of jelly; Marblehead from a breezy shore garden; Walpole from the Walpole Woman's Club, while a young lad from Wayland expressed his youthful sense of cooperation by sending several baskets fresh from his own garden.

The farthest call was from Asticou Inn, Maine, from which some good friends sent delicate green ferns, and during the laurel season the mission was remembered by a friend in Princeton. Nearly all of the baskets are carefully packed with a judicious interspersing of vegetables and the continued gifts of eggs, lemons and sugar from two contributors helped

the committee to give practical good cheer during the season to many chronic invalids or the aged and feeble on the lists.

The regular and occasional distributions have been to the Boston, New England Hospital and Mount Sinai dispensaries; Berkeley Infirmary, South End Diet Kitchen, South End, North Bennet Street and Sunnyside day nurseries, St. Elizabeth's, Naval and Marine hospitals and Eye and Ear Infirmary, Clarendon Street Baptist Church Vacation School, South End Vacation School, St. Stephen's, Emmanuel and Charlesbank playgrounds; sand garden on Boston Common, Robert Gould Shaw House, Roxbury Neighborhood House, Elizabeth Peabody House, Denison House, Hawthorne Club, Morgan Memorial and Animal Rescue League for its neighbors.

Among the Volunteer helpers who gave helpful assistance during the season were: Miss Harris, Miss Moulton, Miss Chenowith, Miss Wetherill, Miss Kennedy, Miss Manchester, Miss Emerson, the Misses Hall, the Misses Dodsworth, Mrs. Remick, Mrs. Guilford, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Todd, and Mrs. Gorman.

The work is under the direction of a committee composed of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln, Mrs. Robert Gould Shaw, William P. Fowler, treasurer, and Miss Virginia P. Tufts, secretary. The work has received the regular assistance during the season of Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss V. P. Tufts.

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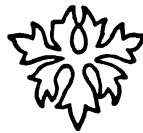


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 BENJAMIN A. NORTON.....51 Academy Street, Arlington
 MRS. BENJAMIN A. NORTON.....51 Academy Street, Arlington

MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred

dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held on the evenings of the second Sunday of October, December and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

In reviewing the year's work of the Fraternity we find that the usual activities of the organization have been carried on with varying success and often under unfavorable circumstances.

Early in September of 1913 a serious fire occurred at the Bulfinch Place Church. What would have been a very disastrous conflagration was fortunately checked by the efficient work of the fire department, but not until the whole building had been so damaged by fire and smoke and water that it was necessary to repair and redecorate it throughout. Friends of this Chapel loyally came forward and by gifts made it possible in conjunction with the sums received from the fire insurance companies to carry out many needed improvements in this building whereby its usefulness was greatly enhanced. With an undaunted courage, Mr. Eliot and his co-workers carried on their work under trying difficulties and apparently with undiminished efficiency. Misfortune has its recompense and in this case the kindly interest of many in all walks of life to do something for Bulfinch Place was most heartening to the Fraternity.

A change of superintendents at Parker Memorial and situations which have presented themselves at this branch brought about conditions which have taken considerable time to adjust, but it is hoped that they will be satisfactorily settled before long.

At the North End Union progress has been made in reaching the Italians of the neighborhood, the nationality which so largely peoples this section of our city. An assistant to Mr. Hubbard has been engaged and has already taken

up his duties at this branch. He is a physician, Dr. Irving E. Stowe, and one who seems well qualified to do the work required of him.

Channing Church in Dorchester has accomplished much in its field of work. Increased attendance and loyalty to the minister and the chapel are encouraging features to report. The young people of this church have done much to help in the parish finances this year and are also helping in many other ways to make the church felt as an influence of great good in its neighborhood.

The Church of the Messiah under Rev. Powhatan Bagnall continues to use for its place of worship one of the halls at Parker Memorial. This church is meeting the needs of an element in our colored population and is doing an excellent work.

The two meetings of December and March of the delegates were open to the public with the idea that in this way we would increase the financial support and extend the interest in our work, but we cannot report that our expectations have been realized.

The Fruit and Flower Mission successfully carried on its work during the summer collecting and distributing flowers, fruit preserves, etc., under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln, using two of our branches as headquarters, namely, Parker Memorial and Bullfinch Place Church.

We have welcomed to membership in our organization the First Parish of Brookline and hope that the coming year will see further additions to our contributing societies.

The financial situation existing in the business world has been reflected in the amount of the contributions received by the Fraternity and prevented our taking up new work and necessitated a most careful watch of our usual expenditures. It is hoped that more generous amounts will be received next year and that the Fraternity will not be obliged to curtail any of its work.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston for the year ending May 1st, 1914.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,675.00	
Income from investments	13,404.82	
Contributions from friends	230.00	
Contributions from churches and organizations.....	4,764.14	
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00	
Contributions for Benevolent Fraternity of Churches		
Fruit and Flower Mission.....	120.00	
Insurance on furniture loss by fire at Bulfinch Place		
Church	1,628.45	
Insurance account loss on building by fire at Bulfinch		
Place Church	7,732.70	
		<u>\$30,855.11</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$6,146.61	
City of Boston, 1912 taxes.....	\$23.36	\$6,469.97

	<u>\$6,469.97</u>	
Rents received	1,375.00	

Net expense	<u>\$5,094.97</u>	
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North End Union.

Expenses	\$6,000.00	6,000.00
Rents received	1,300.00	

Net expense	<u>\$4,700.00</u>	
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Italian Work at North End Union.

Expenses account salary of agent	1,200.00	
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Channing Church.

Expenses	1,980.00	
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Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses	\$5,300.00	5,300.00
Home contribution	300.00	

Net expense	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	
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Church of the Messiah.

Expenses account salary of minister	600.00	
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Revere Unitarian Society.

Expenses account salary of minister	100.00	
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Carried forward	<u>\$21,649.97</u>	
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Brought forward \$21,649.97

Fruit and Flower Mission.

Contributions received through the year.... \$120.00

Unexpended balance from previous years.... 232.87

\$352.87

Expenses 184.50 184.50

Surplus \$168.37

Bulfinch Place Church Fire Fund (Building).

Expenses 7,037.45

Bulfinch Place Church Fire Fund (Furniture).

Expenses 1,628.45

Administrative expenses 748.15

Examination of treasurer's books 25.00

Care and repair of buildings 907.33

Insurance 2,113.02

Printing annual report 100.00

\$34,393.87

Expenditures \$34,393.87

Income 30,855.11

\$3,538.76

Gain on securities sold \$40.00

Gain by final dividend in liquidation

of Tremont National Bank, previously

charged off as worthless 106.40 146.40

Deficit \$3,392.36

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Arlington Street Church \$2,047.08

King's Chapel 835.00

South Congregational Church 700.00

First Church in Boston 500.00

Second Church in Boston 330.00

First Parish, Dorchester 150.00

Church of the Disciples 55.86

Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church..... 46.20

All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury..... 20.00

Winchester Unitarian Society 20.00

First Parish, West Roxbury 15.00

First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain..... 15.00

First Parish and First Church in Cambridge..... 10.00

Church of the Unity, Neponset 10.00

Social Service Council of Unitarian Women..... 10.00

\$4,764.14

For Bulfinch Place Church 300.00

FRIENDS.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	100.00
Miss Ellen V. Smith	75.00
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00
H. C. Robbins	20.00
R. G. Fessenden	10.00
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	\$230.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1914, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

Boston, May 8, 1914.

GEO. S. CHASE, C. P. A.
Auditor.



LAKE COCHICKEWICK



CHARLOTTE HOME.



OFF FOR A HAY RIDE.

Bulfinch Place Church

Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

REV. CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT, Minister.

MISS E. L. JONES and MISS K. R. STOKES, Assistants.

THE CHARLOTTÈ HOME FOR VACATIONS.

Conducted under the Auspices of Bulfinch Place Church.

The event of supreme interest in the past year was the fire, which occurred on Sept. 5. Though confined to the basement, the damage was serious, making a thorough renovation of the building necessary. The basement was so burned out that the Sunday-school floor fell in, necessitating new beams and floor on this story. Smoke and water and the firemen's axes were responsible for other damage to building and furniture, bringing up the total loss to considerably over \$9,000. This was covered by the insurance, and when the bids for renewal and renovation were in, it was found possible to make several improvements such as cementing the basement, enlarging the kitchen, a new toilet upstairs, a new asphalt floor in the gymnasium bathroom, a few additional electric lights, etc. The work was begun on Oct. 20 and finished on Jan. 1, and the result is a building not only in good order from top to bottom but much improved.

Special mention should be made of the generosity of a number of our friends who, at the suggestion of Miss Lucy Lowell, sent gifts to help make our losses good. These, with a few others, amounted to over \$1100 and enabled us to do

a number of things which the insurance would not have covered. Because of this, we have a better piano for the Sunday School, new carpets for the church, rugs and new electric fixtures for the parlors, and a balance in the treasury for future use. The Hospitality Committee of Anniversary Week contributed \$200, enabling us to replace the old banquet tables with others of a new and improved pattern and to supply other articles needed for the Anniversary Week luncheons. And finally, Miss Fanny M. Faulkner, feeling that the pulpit furniture was not in keeping with the renovated church, gave us a new set—three chairs and two tables for the pulpit and three chairs for the communion.

On January 9 a New Year's reception was held, when between two and three hundred guests were present, including representatives of the Fraternity of Churches, the Howard S. S. Club, the Tuckerman Circle, the New England Women's Alliance, and all our own societies. The whole building was thrown open for inspection and brief addresses of congratulation and good cheer were made by Rev. Edward Cummings, President of the Fraternity, Mrs. Caroline A. Atherton representing the New England Alliance, and Mr. Eliot, who took this occasion to express the gratitude of the church for the sympathy and generous assistance of its many friends during this time of trial, not forgetting the contractors and workmen, and giving special thanks to Mr. N. Winthrop Robinson who represented the Fraternity in superintending the work. It was on this occasion also that the new and beautiful tablet in memory of Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, founder of the Ministry-at-Large, was presented. This was the gift of the Tuckerman Circle and the Howard S. S. Club. The presentation address was made by Mrs. Eben Dale, and the inscription on the tablet is as follows:

1778 - 1840**Minister of the First Church of Christ in Chelsea****1801 - 1826****Minister-at-Large in Boston 1826-1840**

A Wise Student of Social Problems

A Farseeing Prophet of Beneficent Reforms

A Pioneer in Scientific Philanthropy

An Efficient, Public-spirited Citizen

"His Best Monument is the Ministry-at-Large
His Most Appropriate Title, the Friend of the Poor"

This Tablet is Erected to Honor his Memory and
To inspire later Generations with his Ideals

1913

The regular work of the church was greatly handicapped from September to January, but not as seriously as might have been expected. Being able to use the main auditorium and the parlors upstairs, the Sunday Services could be held as usual, both for Sunday School and church, though at some inconvenience. The meetings of the Women's Alliance, the Winkley Guild, the Eliot Circle and other clubs, were held regularly, in spite of the renovation work going on. The work of the District Nurses continued without interruption, and all the parish visiting and work went on as usual. As was to be expected, the people responded loyally and made the best of everything. The Sunday-school Rally was held in the church parlors and the Harvest Festival in the church itself, taking the place of the regular Sunday afternoon service. The church was filled with staging at the time and the floors were without carpets, but with the Harvest decorations and an abundance of fruit and vegetables, the effect was exceedingly picturesque. Many gifts were distributed on the day following, and again at Thanksgiving, when 91 baskets, large and small, were sent out to individuals and families. In the meantime the

Sunday School continued its contributions for the Children's Mission, with a larger total than in any previous year, and the Lend-a-Hand work in general did not fail.

The Sunday-school room and parlors were ready for us on Christmas Sunday and for the Christmas festivities that soon followed—the Sunday-school “Tree” on December 31, and the Eliot Circle Christmas Party on January 2.

The New Year's reception and “house-warming” was held on Jan. 9. The Gymnasium classes opened a month earlier, on Dec. 9, and those of the Sphinx Club on Jan. 1. The Saturday Evenings for Boys were resumed on Jan. 10, and the Pleasant Sunday Evenings on Jan. 11. The Alliance Fair, postponed from November, was held on Feb. 11-12, netting over \$600. A course of six Stereopticon lectures began on Feb. 25. Church suppers were held on Jan. 29 and May 5, a Sunday-school supper on March 20, several social meetings for the clubs were held from time to time, and a Congregational on April 17, at which reports were given by all the societies and clubs connected with the church. These entertainments were arranged by Miss Jones to whom so many of the activities of the church owe their inspiration.

On Jan. 29 a Men's Club was organized, to be known as the Fellowship Club. Several meetings were held and it is hoped that another year may see this experiment developing into one of the most useful branches of our work. The May Festival of the Lend-a-Hand club was celebrated on May 8 with a large attendance and a merry time, and the Old Ladies' Party was given in June with its usual success. Easter and Flower Sunday brought us large congregations, as did Going-to-Church Sunday in February. Since June, the summer work of the Flower Missions, Outings and Vacations, and the Charlotte Home at North Andover have been actively carried on.

Taking it all in all, the year has been one of our best. In some ways the fire proved to be a blessing in disguise,

and without giving a special report for each branch of the work (as was done last year), we may say that the standard of previous years has been well maintained, in spite of the difficulties encountered during the early months. Two features of the work, however, deserve special notice as they were new last year and have steadily gained in interest. These are the Pleasant Sunday Evenings and the Vacation Home at North Andover.

The second season of Pleasant Sunday Evenings opened on Jan. 11. As was explained in our last report, the hope was to attract people of the neighborhood, or others who seldom if ever attend regular church services. The plan was not to have a religious service but to make the meetings very informal, with plenty of music, a few hymns, a stereopticon talk, or an address upon some patriotic or social topic. Occasionally, as the spirit moved, a psalm would be read or a prayer offered, but the main dependence for religious influence was to be upon the good will and the good cheer and the reverent spirit of those conducting the meetings and of the people themselves. An hour thus spent was to be followed by a social half-hour, with light refreshments.

Twelve such evenings were held the first season with an average congregation of 100, largely strangers from the neighborhood or people seldom seen at our other services. The friendly spirit, the appreciation expressed, the large proportion of men in the audience, proved the experiment a success.

Fifteen meetings were held this year, running from January to April. The general plan was the same. The programs have been varied, including stereopticon talks, two concerts and several lectures. The social half-hour, with light refreshments was continued. Among the subjects treated were "George Washington," a stereopticon lecture by Mr. Charles H. Johnson; "The Pilgrim's Progress," by Rev. Charles E. Park; "Garden Cities," by Mr. Frederick M.

Eliot; "Lexington and Concord," by Mr. George Wolkins, and "The Struggle for Liberty in Russia," by Rev. Thomas Van Ness. One of the concerts was given by the Italian Singing Club of the North End, and another consisted of selections rendered by the new Edison Disc Phonograph. There was music every evening, piano, violin or voice, and often the hymns were sung from words thrown upon the screen by the stereopticon. On Easter evening, Mr. Eliot emphasized the lesson of the day with a series of wild flower and bird pictures.

The attendance was very gratifying, averaging 133, rising above 170 on three occasions and consisting chiefly of strangers, and of these a large proportion men. A noticeable feature was the presence of a number of men, such as one may see in the cheaper lodging houses or resting on the Common. Beginning with a half-dozen, we soon had from fifty to seventy-five—wayfaring men, without a doubt. Attracted, probably, by the prospect of a pleasant evening, agreeable music, a talk not too personal, and a cup of coffee, they were always respectful, attentive and appreciative. They were given a hearty welcome and made to feel that they were among friends, and to this they responded with occasional words of interest and thanks. It was particularly noticeable that so few of these men, "down and out," as so many appeared to be, asked for money or other aid—only four in all. They seemed to appreciate the situation, that here was offered a pleasant way of spending the Sunday evening but not a place to beg. We longed to do more for them and hope to find a way.

The Vacation Home at North Andover was opened on July 1, 1913. It is conducted by the Eliot Circle, a Lend-a-Hand club of women connected with our church, of which Miss Katharine R. Stokes is president. Miss Stokes had been hoping for years for such an opportunity and it came at last through her appeal in the Christian Register. The Charlotte Home, of which a picture is here given, was offered

for this purpose by the family of the late Mrs. Moses T. Stevens and gratefully accepted. It was the old family homestead, beautifully situated on Lake Cochickewick in North Andover, and was in perfect order for such a purpose, as it had been enlarged, furnished throughout, and used for similar purposes by Mrs. Stevens herself. It was in fact a large, comfortable, up-to-date Home, ready for immediate occupation; and the generous interest of the family has made it even more comfortable and attractive since offering it for our use.

Miss Stokes and her committee took possession on July 1, 1913, and received guests for two months. The idea was to invite women and children, members of the Eliot Circle or others needing a vacation. The house accommodates twenty-five. Over eighty were given a vacation during the first season, besides forty-five day visitors. Each guest paid \$3.00 per week and travelling expenses, or that amount was paid for them. It is not a boarding house, however, but a summer home. The spirit of the place is that of a happy family. Old and young have a good time, helping one another, with a few simple rules to follow. The homelike character of the house itself, with its open fireplaces and wide piazzas, the beauty of the surroundings, the good management of Miss Stokes, who is in residence all the time, and the appreciative spirit of the guests themselves, are the elements which are making this Vacation Home one of the most interesting and successful parts of our work.

The present season opened on June 1, a month earlier than last year, and closed on Sept. 1. Its success has been even greater than that of last year.

During the year the church has helped, so far as its resources would permit, the following interests: The Y. P. R. U. Bazaar, the Salem sufferers, the Children's Mission, the work of the National Women's Alliance, the Sunday School Teachers' Union and the Anniversary Week Hospitalities. Grateful acknowledgment is made of the help we

have received from the Tuckerman Circle, the Howard S. S. Club, the Lend-a-Hand Dramatic Club, the Forbes Club of Dorchester, the Channing Chorus, the Vreeland Banjo and Guitar Club, and many individuals who have given their services for the Pleasant Sunday Evenings and various entertainments. Without such generous help our work would be sadly crippled.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.



SUMMER HOUSE AT NORWELL, MASS.



SOME OF THE VACATIONISTS.

The North End Union

20 Parmenter Street
Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street

Local Board of Directors—

Edward A. Horton, Chairman, Julia W. Frothingham, Ida Mason, Abby S. Perry, Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Paul R. Frothingham, Edwin D. Mead, Arthur W. Moors, Leonard Tufts, Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent.

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Children's House Committee—

Miss Julia W. Frothingham, Miss Ida Mason, Mrs. Edward Nash, Miss Helen Sharpe, Mrs. George H. Root.

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Dr. Irving E. Stowe, Assistant Superintendent.

Horace L. Channell, Office Assistant.

Miss Mary P. Ingalls, Head Resident Worker, Miss Maria Lee Bishop in residence, Children's House.

Francis P. Malgeri, in charge of Italian Work.

Olaus Olson, Janitor. Mrs. Rose Fratus, Bath Room.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Union has a constituency of more than a thousand different individuals, children, boys, girls, and young men and women. Of this number nearly eight hundred are Italians. Thus it will be seen that the personnel has almost entirely changed in the past few years.

The difference in racial characteristics has made it necessary to modify the activities to meet the newer conditions.

This transition has made it difficult to co-ordinate the work as closely as might be desired, but it is hoped that the

more normal status that at present obtains will enable us to carry on the work in a more uniform and satisfactory way the coming year.

The reports of the different departments give a brief but inadequate idea of the work done. The limited space at our command does not admit of amplification, but it affords a glimpse of the various activities.

The Children's House has had three resident workers for most of the year, which has enabled it to largely increase the number of classes and give them regular supervision.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE REPORT.

By Miss Mary P. Ingalls, Head Resident Worker

Many people have asked the question, "Just what is your work?" It is a hard one to answer, for our interests are so varied. For example, it is hardly possible to say that we are trying to do the same thing for the play-room children as for the mothers who come to our mothers' meetings. But since the greater number of our members are girls ranging from five to twenty years, we may state our aim thus: We are trying to give the girls a broader conception of the nobility of life, with its opportunities for service and character-building, and to bring them into closer relationship with the best American ideals. Whatever we teach in our classes, we strive to teach well, but at the same time we keep in mind the conviction that the ultimate purpose of all classes is the development of personality.

The youngest children who come under the care of the Children's House are the Playroom boys and girls. Every afternoon, except Saturday and Sunday, we have a happy, rollicking crowd of children between three and five years of age. This is in no sense a school. A few kindergarten games and songs are taught, but for the most part it is free play. Judging from the number of children who persist in appearing every day after the room is closed for

the summer, it may be said that they do not find the afternoon dull.

For school children we have the following classes during the week: Cooking, 7 classes; dancing, 2 classes; dress-making, 4 classes; embroidery and story-telling, 1 class; expression, 2 classes; games, 1 class; gymnasium, 2 classes; knitting, 1 class; a library; scrap-book, 6 classes (the finished books were taken by the children in classes to the Children's Hospital and distributed); sewing, 6 classes; singing, 1 class.

For girls over twelve years of age there are the following evening activities: 6 clubs, 2 dancing classes, a library, 1 dressmaking class, open house.

The Open House needs a word of explanation. Instead of each club having a social meeting once a month, as has been the custom, all the girls from all the clubs come together one night a week for a social evening. They play games and dance, and light refreshments are served. It is a home night for all the clubs. All of these girls are eligible to membership in the House Association. This is a new venture toward self-government. The officers are a mayor, a clerk, and council member, the council members being representatives from the different clubs. The House Association has developed in its members a feeling of responsibility and loyalty to the Children's House.

Mothers' meetings are held one afternoon a week. These are purely social gatherings. The mothers of our Italian girls come to have a cup of tea with us, bringing their sewing if they like and always their babies. Usually music is the entertainment for the afternoon.

There has also been one cooking class for mothers.

An important part of the work of the Children's House is the visiting of Italian families. This is done two mornings a week with Mr. Malgeri, the Italian worker of the North End Union. It has served to bring not only the children but the entire family into close connection with the Union, and in our visits we have found many ways of assisting them to

become more familiar with American customs and institutions.

Our number of resident workers has been enlarged from two to three, which has made it possible to increase the work. To our corps of forty volunteer workers we wish to extend our hearty thanks for their generous service.

Mr. Evans, who has been Assistant Superintendent for the past two years, resigned June 1, and Dr. Irving E. Stowe has been elected in his place.

REPORT OF BOYS' DEPARTMENT

By George H. Evans, Assistant Superintendent.

In making the report of this year's work of the Boys' Department, I feel that the work has been very satisfactory and the coming year the work can be carried on to a greater extent because of the obstacles which have already been overcome that hitherto made the work difficult.

This year we have had nineteen clubs: fifteen Italian, four Jewish; three gymnasium classes for boys and two for the girls; basket-ball, and dancing.

The clubs this year have done very well, and a large number of them are well enough grounded in club work and spirit to make a good showing next Fall. The leaders this year have been selected largely from among the boys of the Union. Six of the Italian clubs were supervised by Jewish boys, and this has helped to overcome a great deal of feeling between the two nationalities which was so prominent last year. Every one of these Jewish supervisors has spoken to me of their boys as a "corking bunch of kids." At one of the club parties this year we had fourteen mothers present, which is an unusual thing to occur with the Italian mother.

It has been the aim of this department to get in touch with the mothers and interest them in our work. Considering all the demands made upon this department by the boys

in their difficulties, very little time is left for home visiting.

The gymnasium classes were unusually successful this year, and have been a great factor in the success of the department. The exhibition was a credit both to the Union and Mr. Krock.

The dancing class was also good, considering that it is difficult to get the Italian girls out at night because of the custom of the Italian father to keep his daughter under close surveillance until she marries.

The hospital work this year has been far more satisfactory than in any of the preceding years. We have had the co-operation of some of our best physicians and surgeons. The directors of the North End Union and the Superintendent join with me in trying in our small way to thank these medical men and hospitals, especially the Boston Dispensary, for their kindly assistance.

In turning over my work this Spring to my successor, Dr. Stowe, I feel that it is in safe hands and the boys will find a true friend. I can assure Dr. Stowe that he will receive the support and co-operation of the boys.

The two years or more that I have spent at the North End Union have been a great benefit to me, and I wish for it the greatest success. I wish to thank the directors and those connected with the Union for their assistance in my department. The experience that I have gained here will be a great help to me in my new position in Baltimore.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF UNITARIAN WOMEN ITALIAN COMMITTEE

Mrs. George H. Root, Chairman, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord,
Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, Miss Frederika Wendte
Advisory Member, Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard

The Italian Committee of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women have met once a week from October to

June, with Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Malgeri at the North End Union. Mr. Francis P. Malgeri is the Italian social worker in the service of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches and under the direct supervision of the Social Service Council. The Benevolent Fraternity has assigned Mr. Malgeri to headquarters at the North End Union, as in this section of Boston the Italian problem seems most immediate.

At the meetings of the Social Service Council Mr. Malgeri submits his weekly reports, which are discussed, and his work planned for the coming week.

The aim is to give such direction and guidance as the service to the Italians, both individually and collectively, may seem to require. This service, however, is not limited to adult Italians, as Mr. Malgeri co-operates, as may be needed, with other departments of the Union.

REPORT OF ITALIAN WORK

By Francis P. Malgeri

The last year of work, as far as Italian adults are concerned, has been, I believe, a promising one, notwithstanding the many difficulties which handicap it. First, we have deficiency of space. The North End Union should be well filled with its children work. Only adaptability, willingness and abnegation of workers, from Superintendent to Janitor, could solve the problem of locating ten where there is space for only five. Our evening classes for Italian adults had to be held on the stage of the Main Hall. Gradation in groups according to the various stages of mentality was impossible, because we could not dispose of rooms for separated classes, neither could we endeavor to enlarge the number of pupils. The average attendance, between twenty-five and thirty-five, was plenty for the room at our disposition. In order to give special teaching to various pupils, we had to grade them in relation of time. We had, for example, teaching of Civics from six to seven; first grade in English from seven to seven-

thirty; regular course in English from seven-thirty to nine-thirty. Our pupils, however, were so eager and faithful that they all remained for the whole time, getting profit by the teaching of others. I have to say here that we are much indebted to Professor Harmon, who taught the class in Civics, and to Miss Cullen, who accomplished the miracle of making English learning pleasant to grown-up foreigners.

The singing class, "Vincenzo Bellini," under the direction of Mr. Thomas Gallozzi, was always well attended by both Americans and Italians. It should be a good thing, the formation of a regular and a large chorus for boys and girls, but it may not be attained without a small fixed salary to the teacher, and other expenses for music, etc.

Calls at Italian homes were continued, with a profit greater than may be thought of. This piece of work ought to be intensified, if we could dispose of more time and more workers. The Mothers' Club went on better, but much more is to be done in that line. We had classes in Italian for Americans. A class of Italian for Italian boys was held in co-operation with the Dante Alighieri Society.

Another kind of work, less apparent than others, but extremely important because it supplements and completes that of education, was the Assistance Work. Even a mere sketch of such a work may not be given, neither in a few words nor a few pages. Cases of assistance were so numerous and so different in their nature and peculiarities, that the only way to a comprehensive representation should be the full report of each one of them. Our friendly calls at Italian homes are not a mere courteous visiting, but for better understanding of all difficulties and needs of each family visited. We accompany the sick to the proper hospital, and interpret for them; we accomplish, in the homes, a true directive teaching in hygiene, when needed; we help in legal cases, procuring and dealing with honest lawyers; we are the link between those in need and the proper institutions of helping. Our Italian Department

is a real Bureau of Exchange for all kinds of advising, directing and assisting immigrants. Our activities range from personal and familiar troubles to claims for justice from public authorities; from the simple matter of trivial financial differences to the serious matters affecting the community. A detailed report of the whole work is weekly submitted to the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women. Any one interested in knowing more about it may ask to see of those reports to the Council. Cases are by hundreds. Through the moral influence of the North End Union, and through the active co-operation of our Miss Ingalls the work has more intensity and better results than before.

I ask to say, in closing this brief report, that we all try to work quietly and earnestly. The work of an institution like the North End Union may not be judged without being in close touch with it. The most ardent desire of us all, it is to have our friends and sustainers come and see for themselves.

THE SCHOOL OF PRINTING

By A. A. Stewart, Instructor

To those interested in the School of Printing the past year may be noted for the very marked increase in the interest developing throughout the country in the teaching of printing and the education of young men for the printer's trade. The employing printers, through their national organization, have taken up the matter earnestly and along definite lines by the appointment of a national committee on apprentices and a national apprentice director. The policy adopted by this committee in relation to the conduct of apprentice schools coincides in a very large degree with that of the North End Union School of Printing.

This wider movement has stimulated the work of the North End Union School and has given an added interest to the kind of pioneer work which it has been conducting for a number of years. The question of training future workmen

has become a matter of vital importance to employing printers as well as to other employers. It is a question which calls for immediate consideration and co-operative action, if the best interests of the industry are to be fostered.

Thoughtful employers are now realizing that boys cannot be taken into the workshops and allowed to just grow up in the place. There should be some definite effort to teach them their business; some means should be provided whereby ambitious lads can learn those things which they need for their advancement. There should be a careful selection of the kind of boy and a consideration of his adaptability for the work. And when these things are secured there should be a reasonable measure of permanence in the conditions of employment for the boy—that is, a definite period of apprenticeship. These are today important phases of the problem of trade education. The announcements of the School have from time to time advocated their importance, and they embody broadly the policy upon which the work of the School has been maintained.

The School is carried on according to the time-schedule of a regular workshop for fifty weeks in the year. Pupils may enter at any time there is vacancy, as the work is almost entirely individual. The instruction is carried on with practical trade-work in which each pupil is given ample opportunity to learn all the fundamental operations of producing correct typographic printing.

Since the last report eleven pupils have graduated and have gone to work in various printing establishments in Boston and vicinity. The school now has its quota of pupils.

Although the milk station is not specifically a part of the Union, nor does it require any supervision on our part, yet it is so closely tied up with our work as to make it seem a proper and appropriate part of the whole.

Miss Gallagher is fertile in ideas and does not limit her-

self to the strict routine of the station. For this reason the Union has gladly co-operated with her in the various schemes which she has brought forward, growing out, as they do, of an intimate knowledge of the home life of the mothers with whom she is identified.

MODIFIED MILK STATION

By Miss M. Alice Gallagher, Nurse in Charge

The Milk and Baby Hygiene Association at the North End Union Milk Station supervised 530 babies and made 5032 home visits during the year 1913. Statistics give very little idea of the actual work accomplished or of the number of people reached indirectly through the influence of the mothers themselves.

A greater demand for pure milk is found throughout the entire community, which makes it possible to put more babies on home modifications who do not receive milk directly through the Station itself and with good results.

The student nurses taking the post graduate course at the Instructive District Nursing Association have done good work in home visiting, demonstrating, etc.

The weekly conferences for mothers and babies have been well attended, even during the unusually cold weather, which is a proof of the advanced education received at the hands of the consulting physician.

The Little Nurses' Club has done faithful and serious work during the winter, which was demonstrated before a large audience at the close of the year. Italian lunches were served at the monthly meetings of Social Workers and Nurses. A uniform charge of 25 cents made it possible to give the final lunch, the invitation to which was responded to by a representative body of men and women from all parts of the city.

It would not be possible to do all of the extra work outside of the routine duties of the Milk Station if we

were deprived of the generous space given us by the North End Union Settlement, or of the co-operation of all the workers connected with it, to whom our sincere thanks are due.

ADDITIONAL WORK

Various other activities, not classified under the above headings, such as girls' gymnasium and Frothingham Club under the direction of Miss Frothingham, the Dante Club under Miss Perry, Sunday School, Saturday Morning Sewing School under the direction of Miss Mary P. Barnes, Miss Mary L. Bibbey and twenty teachers; Reading Room, Library and Game Room in charge of Mr. Channell, have been carried on as usual.

The Public Baths, which it was thought advisable to close after the opening of the Municipal Bath House a few years ago, have been continued and of late have shown a marked increase of patronage.

The Union is under obligation to the many willing workers who have contributed so much towards the success achieved; and to them we give our hearty, appreciative thanks.

SAMUEL F. HUBBARD, Superintendent.

THE FLOWER MISSION, 1914

By Dr. Irving E. Stowe

The Flower Mission for the year 1914 made its first distribution of flowers at the North End Union on July 7th. Thereafter every Tuesday and Friday mornings until the first of September an attempt was made to bring into the lives of the less fortunate, more especially the invalids and shut-ins, some of the freshness and purity of nature.

Shut in as they are by walls of brick and stone, with not even a blade of grass to please the eye, and only here and there a patch of blue sky overhead to satisfy their hunger

for the beautiful, their lives are too often sombre and dull.

The lives of these people from year's end to year's end is one of constant toil in an endeavor to supply the bare necessities of life. It is needless to say, therefore, that the lightsome side of life, the little luxuries which make up so large a part of our life and which might almost be termed necessities, are to them almost unknown. Their appreciation of and delight in the beautiful is very often as keen as ours and their longing to supply this want as great. The eagerness with which the children search the baskets of discarded leaves and branches for something to satisfy their craving for form and color, is in itself pathetic and tells a story none could fail to read.

The delight, therefore, with which these flowers are welcomed in the homes, especially of those who are shut away from the world, may be easily imagined by their senders and would amply repay them for all their trouble and sacrifice.

The great difficulty, however, is to supply all the needs, and while we are extremely grateful for all the beautiful flowers that have been sent in the past, still we would like to urge all who have contributed to redouble their efforts, so that no home may go without at least one bunch of flowers each week.

We wish to acknowledge our gratitude to Mrs. Freeland, Miss Coburn, Mrs. Brainard and Miss Hunt, for their assistance in bunching the flowers. Indeed, the work would have been exceedingly difficult without them.

The distributors were girls of the neighborhood who volunteered their services and were faithful and conscientious in the performance of their duties. No small part of the success was due to their efforts.

The towns to which we are indebted for flowers are Waverley, Winchester, Bedford, Lexington, Middletown, Topsfield, Clematis Brook, Waltham, Wyoming, Concord

and Haverhill, besides a large box of flowers each Tuesday morning which Miss Coburn brought in herself.

A summary of the work done is given below.

No. of distributing days	16
Baskets received	77
Boxes	10
Total bouquets	1,980
Distributors	21
Bouquets to institutions	33
Towns contributing	11
Visiting friends	4

THE SUMMER CAMP, 1914

By Mary P. Ingalls

Our summer camp for girls was a new venture this year. The money for it was raised by personal contributions, and we wish to thank the many friends who gave so generously, and to assure them that the results were as beneficial to the girls as was expected. Our special reason for wanting a camp was in order that we might get closer to the girls, and by daily companionship with them, learn more of their desires and aims, and so be able to give more efficient service during the winter in the city. There is no need to mention that they benefited physically by the country—rosy cheeks and added weight testified to that. Perhaps that alone would have made it worth the effort, but the more important gain to them was what they learned of consideration for others and unselfishness, the new point of view toward community life which of necessity is brought out in a camp and which all girls in their teens need to understand if they are to become useful members of society. These were our reasons for feeling that a camp would render the greatest service during the summer months, and we hope to prove the correctness of our theory even more extensively next summer.

The camp was situated in Norwell, two miles from the village and three and one-half miles from the railroad station of Hanover, where we took the train. The house, a large old colonial mansion built in the 18th century, which

we rented from Mr. Joseph C. Otis, was ideal for our purpose. It was a three minutes' walk from Mr. Otis' own home, and I can not say enough in appreciation of the kindness of both Mr. and Mrs. Otis, without whom our undertaking would have been far more difficult than it was. A barn made an admirable place for playing, especially on the few rainy days which we had.

Our working force consisted of Miss Minnie De Boer of Montpelier, who gave most efficient help and who had the faculty of getting the girls' affection and confidence from the start; a cook and myself. The children took care of their own rooms, under supervision, and wiped the dishes. Those were their regular duties. Aside from that, they helped with the housework as they wished. Our idea was to make the camp as much like a home as possible. No other work was compulsory, but we hoped that the girls would of their own accord do the things that would obviously be of assistance to all. And, with very few exceptions, they responded to this finely, often vying with one another to be helpful.

Our days were spent out of doors, berrying, fishing, swimming (when kind friends donated for a hay ride to the beach six miles away), walking to the village to spend our pennies for pickles, playing out-of-door games, swinging, gathering flowers, and indulging in all of the country pleasures of which many of the girls knew nothing. One day every week we had a picnic. On rainy days we kept busy and happy with games, books, knitting and sewing. We had bird and flower lists and the girls were interested to learn about both. Evenings we had marvellous entertainments, "shows" as they were called, which consisted of acting, fairy tales, singing, dancing and speaking pieces. The talent among us was remarkable, and if Miss De Boer and I could be persuaded to kill each other, the evening was especially successful.

That the younger children had no knowledge of the country was shown long before we reached Norwell, by their

comments on and questions concerning things seen from the car windows. One little boy of six simply screamed at the sight of animals in the fields. "Oh, I seen a chicken walkin'! Look, I seen a bird singin'!" This same child heard a rooster crow one morning while we were walking and ran up to us saying, "Oh, hear the cow sing!" The first clump of trees we passed on the train, perhaps six in all, brought forth the excited question as to whether that was "a woods."

There were in all forty-four girls and two little boys who spent their vacation with us. The ages of the girls varied from six to sixteen. Next summer, when the older working girls will have had time to arrange their vacations, we hope to take more of them. Everyone had a good time. Every day since we returned I hear tales of fun recited by those who went to those who hope to go next year. Our only regret is that we can not take everybody.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street and Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.

The annual meeting of Channing Church, held at the close of its fourteenth year, was the largest and best thus far held. Sixty-six adult members were present practically all of whom sat down to the supper previously provided by the Alliance. As the reports and business of the meeting proceeded it became evident to all that the past year had been very successful, that the societies and departments of the parish were in fine condition and that the outlook for the year to come was most encouraging. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Henry Stern; Secretary, A. C. Michael; Financial Secretary, Carl H. Gore; Treasurer, William C. Keim. For additional members to the Parish Committee, there were elected Mrs. Emma D. Dwelley from the Alliance, Mr. G. N. Winter from the Men's Club, Mr. Bertram Whitley from the Guild and Mrs. Dora E. Horne from the Parish at large. When the adjournment came it was with a genuine interest and a very evident optimistic outlook for all the affairs of the parish.

During the forty-three Sundays of the year the average Sunday morning attendance was 68, although for six Sundays with special interest—Memorial Sunday, Flower Sunday, Christmas, Easter, Go-To-Church Sunday and one Sunday when Mr. Richard Bennett of "Damaged Goods" shared the pulpit with me—the average was 151. For nine Sunday evening meetings the average has been 96. The spirit of all these services, no matter what subject is presented, is hearty, reverent and friendly.

Four week day evening meetings should be mentioned: the Third Annual Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook Meeting addressed by Mr. Charles Fleischer on The Making of a New America; an open meeting of the Alliance when Mrs. Mary B. Davis spoke of Unitarian work throughout the country; a



Exterior and Interior Views of Channing Church

neighborhood meeting on the Production and Distribution of Pure Milk and a later gathering celebrating the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of Edward Everett Hale,—the last two under the auspices of the Men's Club. Good attendance and interest marked all these meetings.

Special mention should also be made of the following: **The** Parish Picnic enjoyed by more people than ever attended before; Flower Sunday when nineteen joined the Church and came forward to receive from the Minister the right hand of fellowship; the Dutch Fair managed by the Guild which not only netted twice as much money as any previous Fair, but was socially and aesthetically successful; two entertainments by the Sunday School which set high standards of stage performance, and the splendid care of the building by Mr. Harry Anderson. All winter the 1914 Club of boys has had weekly Gymnasium classes under leadership of Mr. Wellman and the Sturtevant Circle of twenty girls between the ages of 9 and 15 have met with Mrs. Blanchard.

On November 26 occurred the death of Charles L. Davis and here it is fitting, personally and in the name of the Parish, to record our affectionate tribute to his memory. Since his connection with Channing Church which began many years ago, and which he soon served as Parish President, he was unusually faithful to its many interests, day in and out. Rugged, loyal, genuine, open-hearted we knew him and our sorrow for his suffering and final passing on is softened by the happy memory that we were close and active comrades and by our intimate knowledge of his sterling, abiding worth.

In exchange of pulpits we have been favored with Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant of Taunton, Rev. Ida C. Hultin of Sudbury, Rev. Joel H. Metcalf of Winchester, Rev. Ernest S. Meredith of Dorchester and Rev. W. W. Peck of Winthrop. Besides these we have enjoyed Sunday morning addresses from Prof. Doan of Summit, N. J.; Rev. Marion Murdoch of Cambridge, Mass., and Mr. Richard Bennett of New York.

All the societies of the Church have prospered during the year. The Sunday School especially has flourished under the direction of the Committee on Religious Instruction, conducting its Sunday sessions, Teachers' Meetings, Parents' Meetings and entertainments with surprising success. The Alliance, with its perennial interest and life, reports even a better year than last. The Men's Club had eight splendid meetings and plans to double its membership in the coming year. Mention has already been made of the Young Peoples' Guild which took charge of the evening meetings and carried through so successfully the Dutch Fair. I cannot commend too highly or sincerely the young people of the Church, not only for their ability and willingness to carry out these responsibilities, but also for their readiness to enter heartily into the life and the needs of the Church. The Choral Society, owing to the heavy running expense, disbanded with the close of 1913 but not until it had enjoyed three months of spirited rehearsals and rendered in splendid fashion to a large audience the Christmas Cantata.

Money on hand May 1, 1913	\$ 139.08
Passed into the treasury for the fiscal year.....	<u>1,124.88</u>
	\$1,263.96
Disbursements for the year	<u>969.46</u>
Balance on hand May 1, 1914	\$294.50

Besides this I append a table of gross receipts that have passed into the treasuries of the organizations of the parish, the total amount of which have been augmented this year by the Dutch Fair and by donations given to the Choral Society.

The Parish (coming direct into its treasury).....	\$960.92
The Woman's Alliance	230.75
The Sunday School	159.55
The Guild	387.17
The Men's Club	104.29
The Sturtevant Circle	73.15
Channing Choral Society	92.34
Other sources	<u>32.55</u>
	\$2,040.72

Submitted respectfully, for the parish,

CHARLES PHELPS WELLMAN.

Parker Memorial

11 Appleton Street

Joint Committee Appointed by the Fraternity and Hale House.

Henry B. Sawyer, Chairman,	Arthur W. Moors,
Rev. Edward Cummings	Robert A. Woods,
Rev. Paul R. Frothingham,	Mrs. Wilfred A. French,
Rev. Howard N. Brown,	Edmund A. Whitman.

Ernest C. Amy, Superintendent

Joseph N. Brennan, Assistant Superintendent

M. Gertrude Stearns, Secretary

Harriet M. Hanson, Social Worker

The work reported in the following pages was planned before the present Superintendent took office and in a substantial way followed the lines of the preceding year. It was found, however, that more had been planned than the funds available could be made to cover and before the middle of the year some retrenchments were found necessary, taking out the classes which were not to a fair degree self-supporting.

As in years past the adult classes were made up of those who came to a large extent from other parts of the city than the immediate neighborhood of Parker Memorial. They were, nevertheless, very largely composed of people who have their own way to make and were making use of the excellent instruction given here to increase their earning capacity, which is an altogether commendable purpose.

Miss Tufts, who has for such a long time conducted most successfully a Sunday morning kindergarten, was on the Pacific coast and did not return until too late in the season to begin it again. There seemed to be no one to take her place and this work with much regret was left undone.

The various teachers have been asked to make contributions to the report and the responses to this request are acknowledged by the quotation marks.

The dancing classes, consisting of a beginners' class which met on Saturday evenings and an advanced class meeting on Tuesday evenings, were well attended and continued to be well filled until the very end of the year. "In both classes the aim was to maintain the highest standard of dancing and strict ball-room etiquette without the very severe formality which would interfere with complete enjoyment of the dancing itself.

"The question arose during the year as to the advisability of introducing the modern dances which had been so decidedly abused all the season. Many of these dances gave opportunities for awkward and undesirable positions which the older dances do not encourage, but by insisting upon these new steps being danced as they were taught the objectionable features were eliminated." The dancing parties which were given at the close of the terms brought the members and their friends together socially and were enjoyable and profitable.

"The millinery classes might properly be divided into three groups: Those who wish to take up millinery as a trade; those who wish to make their own hats and hats for the other members of the family; and young married women who, besides making their own hats and saving money to that extent, help out the family income by making hats for their friends. Of the former group at least 15 of last year's students were placed in positions in Boston and 3 are employed as teachers of millinery in or near this city. A shop in one of the large office buildings down-town has been recently opened by two former pupils of the Parker Memorial millinery classes. We have had applications for workers from several of the best shops in Boston, which we have not always been able to supply, but which shows that the students of our classes are in demand. Somewhat over 500 hats were made in our class room last year, and at the regular Parker Memorial Exhibit, held in May, over 150 hats made during the Spring term were displayed."

"The dressmaking classes opened with a large registration. The two evenings given for that work were not enough to accommodate the number who registered, so a Saturday evening class was formed. The day classes were also large and the attendance was fairly regular. In addition to the regular dressmaking classes, one was formed for educational sewing for those wishing to teach. Six young women attended this class and in January took the examination for public school work. All six passed very creditably. Many times we are able to place pupils with dressmakers after they have been with us a season." The wide experience and high order of ability which mark the teaching in this class, as in the other departments of adult class work, explain the popularity of the classes.

The annual exhibition and reception in May, given to the members of the classes and their friends, was probably the largest given thus far at Parker Memorial. It was attended by a large number of people and was made doubly enjoyable through the courtesy of the Herford Club who provided an entertainment which was greatly appreciated.

The total enrollment in the adult classes was as follows: Dressmaking 193, millinery 131, cookery 48, dancing 155, music 16, book-keeping and penmanship 14, dramatics 11, folk and aesthetic dancing 10 and embroidery 8.

The boy scout work was continued with Mr. Goldberg as Scout Master of his troop of regulars. A tenderfoot troop was organized during the year under the patronage of Mrs. Isaac Harris in which Mr. Goldberg was much interested also, giving it freely of his time and attention.

The boys and girls of the Hale House neighborhood received more benefit from the Parker Memorial halls and club rooms last year than can well be stated in any report. These little people who have nowhere to play but the crowded streets, and no one to look after them in their play, are at the mercy of influences which are well nigh over-

powering. We received last year from Judge Baker's court a list of 47 boys, who were beginning to be troublesome to the police, with the urgent request that we make an effort to help them to take care of their spare time so they would be kept out of mischief. Three clubs were organized to meet on Sunday afternoons under two very capable leaders. At the end of the season Judge Baker wrote us that since we had undertaken this work fewer cases had been brought before him from this neighborhood than before in years.

Three gymnasium classes with a registration of 120 boys; four carpentry classes with a registration of 45; two clay modelling classes with a registration of 18; these, besides seventeen clubs with an average membership of 14 each, for boys and young men, had regular weekly meetings here. A social dance every Monday night, attended by approximately 90 young men and women; a large folk dancing class, attended by about 40 of the younger set; a girls' gymnasium class with 30 members and twelve clubs making use of the spare time in the gymnasium, playing basket ball and other healthful games; this will give the average reader who may care to follow this report something of an idea of the vast meaning which Parker Memorial has for the younger people of the neighborhood of Hale House.

Church of the Messiah.

The Church of the Messiah had on the whole a promising and progressive year, from May 1st, 1913, to May 1st, 1914.

One of the encouraging things was a surplus. The deficit last year was \$15.60, and the surplus this year was \$63.83. Sunday evening collections for the first time were slightly over \$100.00, or to be exact \$101.07.

The average congregation for the year, taking fair weather and foul together, was 45. There was a very important addition to the church membership. Important particularly in quality, that is, in the earnest and solid char-

acter of five new members who received the right hand of fellowship, making a total of thirty-five. Some seventy-five people may be counted upon as interested, and the pastor reaches another seventy-five connected with the various homes of the seventy-five who have a genuine interest, making a total of 150 reached by his present calling list.

The pastor made 853 visits covering territory in and out of Boston, including parts of Cambridge, Everett, Medford and Lynn. Twenty-two addresses were made before clubs, conferences and conventions.

A Laymen's League was formed in the month of March, consisting of 16 members. Meetings well attended, and much interest shown, and a program of work as well as of study under consideration at close of year.

Mr. Bagnall, as Chairman of the Social Service Committee, of the Ministers' Interdenominational Union reports progress. There are 17 ministers and three theological students in this ministerial union, representing Baptist and Methodist churches. As a result of the committee's work there are now Social Service Committees appointed in a majority of the churches represented by these ministers. This is an entirely new effort in churches of the colored people, but interest has been awakened. Sanitary conditions are being changed here and there. The Board of Health was called in on one rather serious case to view stagnant water in a vacant lot. Three hundred and seventy-five tracts were distributed, mostly tuberculosis tracts. Importance of "Clean Up" day is being emphasized.

In all this work, the minister of the Church of the Messiah has been influential, and has been recognized as such publicly by some of the colored ministers. The cordial fellowship extended to Mr. Bagnall by the other colored churches opens an important door for work.

The Women's Alliance is a very large part of the Church of the Messiah, and it has made its usual record for earnest work. Its Xmas Fair was successful, raising \$114.50. Two special meetings were held under the auspices of the Alliance:—On February 5th, a Social Service Meeting, at which addresses were made by inspectors of the streets and markets and stereopticon views were given. The meeting was widely advertized and well attended. In the month of December, a neighborhood meeting was held in Cambridge, at 250 River Street. Speakers were present

from the Women's Municipal League. Mrs. Bagnall, Secretary of the Alliance, addressed 22 Alliance meetings in the course of the year. The subject of her addresses being "The Negro in Music." The addresses and songs won warm interest and appreciation. An important new movement on the part of the Alliance was its appointment of working delegates to District 16 of the Associated Charities. This District covers an important part of the South End, and includes a large negro population.

The usual summer work was faithfully carried on. Two hundred children were given outings at Revere Beach by means of the Herald-Traveller Fresh Air Fund. There were a hundred Christian Union car rides arranged for, and in the Flower and Fruit Distribution there were five workers.

The Church of the Messiah is small in numbers but it has a high aim and an earnest and active spirit. Its influence is quite widespread, and is growing.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the sub-committee on the Church of the Messiah.

PITT DILLINGHAM.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

(Formerly Boston Flower and Fruit Mission, Organized by Helen W. Tinkham in 1869.)

With the distribution to invalids in their homes and institutions, from the vestry of the Bulfinch Place Church on September 11, 1914, the forty-fifth season of the original Fruit and Flower Mission was brought to a close. Miss Helen W. Tinkham organized this work in 1869, and ever since it has been carried on in Boston, and within a few years it has been under the direction of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.

The season begins practically in May, when distributions of lilacs from friendly contributors in Dorchester and potted plants for window sills are forerunners of gladness to come to the humble city residents. This year, in May, all

the pupils in the Washington School, corner of South Margin and Norman streets, right in the heart of the foreign population of the northwest end of Boston, received a large spray of nodding lilacs, and the effect, as the children went home, was cheerfully picturesque. Nor would the Flower Mission report be complete without mention of the annual midwinter distribution of jellies, preserves and fruit, mainly from the Altrurian Club of Shirley and the Newtonville Women's Guild.

Notwithstanding the scarcity of sunlight this summer, the flowers have been abundant and unusually fresh and beautiful in color. Regular contributions of flowers have come from the same generous sources and the same cheerful groups of volunteer workers have co-operated in every way to assist in the distribution. Special donations of eggs, sugar and fancy fruits have continued and many friends who cannot help otherwise, contribute financially to the expenses of the work.

Contributing towns have been Arlington, Beverly Farms, Canton, Dorchester (through First Parish Unitarian Church, which has sent 2363 bouquets), West Manchester, Medford, Park street Medford, Milton, Marblehead, Newtonville (through the Newtonville Women's Guild, which has sent generous lots of vegetables), Newton Centre (with an annual addition of fresh currant jelly in July), West Newton (through the social service of the Unitarian Church), Northboro, Shirley (through the Altrurian Club), Walpole Women's Club, Weston, Wellesley, Wayland and Waban, the latter through the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Distributions have been mainly to Berkeley Infirmary, Mt. Sinai Dispensary, Naval and marine hospitals, district nurses, Social Service House, North Bennet street, Sunny-Side and South End Day nurseries, Charlesbank Gymnasium, Hawthorne Club, Hale House, St. Stephen's play yard, Denison House, Animal Rescue League (for neigh-

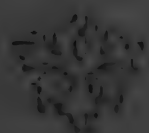
bors), while some twenty-five individual cases in South Boston and the two day nurseries there have been visited weekly by two volunteer residents of that locality.

Over fifty cases in the city proper are on the books of the Flower Mission, and through the energy and good will of regular volunteer visitors many of these are visited weekly. One fails to realize, unless one has experienced it, the pleasure that is given by a friendly call, with a few bright flowers and a little fruit or a few fresh eggs, upon some shut-in person or one who has too restricted means to indulge in what are luxuries to them. Among the volunteer visitors and helpers at headquarters this summer have been Miss Florence Harris, Miss Alice Cotton, Mrs. Caroline Remick, Miss Olive Moulton, Mrs. A. L. Todd, Mrs. William Robinson, Mrs. Robert H. Guilford, Mrs. Edith G. Walker, Mrs. Ralph Hilton, Miss Helen Hilton, Mrs. Ellen C. Shepherd, Miss Mary Wetherell, Miss Mendora Kennedy, Miss F. W. Manchester, Mrs. Ellen M. Gorman, Miss M. A. Dodsworth and Miss Susan A. Dodsworth.

The Flower Mission is under the direction of a committee composed of Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln, Mrs. Robert Gould Shaw, William P. Fowler, treasurer, and Miss Virginia P. Tufts, secretary. Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss Virginia P. Tufts are the regular assistants in the work during the season.

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Unitarian Churches



1914-1915

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OF THE

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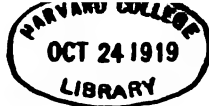
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Reports of the Treasurer and Ministers-at-Large.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

**I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of
Unitarian Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation
established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the
sum of _____ dollars.**

**This is the simple form for making a legacy for the fur-
therance of our work.**

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YEAR 1915-1916.

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1915—1916.

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MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held in the second week of November, January and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF CHURCHES.

In reviewing the records of the Board meetings and the reports from the branches there are but two events of importance to chronicle and yet in many respects the work done at the various chapels and houses has been most efficient. The quiet, unobtrusive, steady application to the tasks at hand of our workers, which brings the best results, describes well the manner in which the affairs of the Fraternity have been carried on this past year.

In June the First Congregational Church of Arlington was admitted to membership in our organization.

In October Rev. Christopher R. Eliot completed 20 years of service at the Bulfinch Place Church and on the 29th of that month a reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Eliot to celebrate this anniversary. It was an occasion for expressions of appreciation for the good work which Mr. and Mrs. Eliot and their assistants, Miss Jones and Miss Stokes have accomplished at this chapel and the words of commendation were most helpful and inspiring to those in attendance.

Work started up in the fall at the various chapels and branches with a promise of a successful year's work and such it proved to be.

At the North End Union a serious problem arose, for the workers among the Italians to meet. Shortly after the European war broke out a call to arms from the home country caused a general exodus of the Italian men, many of them leaving wives and children to be cared for until arrangements could be made for their support. Many

hardships were experienced by many of these families, but the situation gradually righted itself.

Parker Memorial conducted the usual classes and clubs in conjunction with Hale House and reports a successful year's work. The Church of the Messiah, the Boston Social Union, the Associated Charities District Agent and the South End Improvement Association are quartered in this building.

At Channing Church, Dorchester the congregation worked with an enthusiasm and courage that shows a healthy state of affairs at this Chapel. In October this church entertained the Norfolk Conference of Unitarian Churches and the success of this meeting did much to encourage this parish to aspire to do a larger work. The young people connected with Channing Church are taking hold and working for its welfare in a most efficient way, contributing not only generously to its financial support, but in bringing in new members.

Christ Church, Dorchester has changed ministers during the year the Rev. George F. Pratt resigned to take up work in a new field and the Rev. J. H. Crooker accepted a call to fill this pulpit.

On account of two fires which occurred in the Bulfinch Place Church and at Parker Memorial extensive repairs were made upon these two buildings. The Children's House of the North End Union was remodelled two years ago and the Fraternity buildings as a whole are in excellent physical condition.

The Fraternity, in common with many of the local charities has felt the lack of support occasioned by the European war relief funds receiving contributions which naturally would have come to it.

N. WINTHROP ROBINSON,
Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER.

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of
Churches in the City of Boston for the year
ending May 1st, 1915.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,771.21	
Income from investments	13,701.95	
Contributions from friends	126.00	
Contributions from churches and organizations	3,963.75	
Contribution from Bulfinch Place Church	300.00	
Insurance account fire loss at Parker Memorial	702.73	
		<u>\$21,565.64</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,700.00	
City of Boston, 1914 taxes	329.00	\$5,029.00
	<u>\$5,029.00</u>	
Rents received	\$1,471.21	
Net expense	\$3,557.79	

North End Union

Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Rents received	1,300.00	
	<u>\$5,700.00</u>	
Net expense	\$5,700.00	

Italian Work at North End Union.

Expenses account salary of agent	1,200.00
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Channing Church.

Expenses	2,000.00
Carried forward	<u>\$15,229.00</u>

Brought forward	\$15,229.00	
Bulfinch Place Church.		
Expenses	\$5,500.00	5,500.00
Home contribution	300.00	
	<u>\$5,200.00</u>	
Church of the Messiah.		
Expenses account salary of minister		600.00
Revere Unitarian Society.		
Expense account salary of minister		100.00
Administrative expenses		\$795.05
Examination of treasurer's books		25.00
Care and repair of buildings		2,195.03
Insurance		450.33
Printing annual report		105.50
		<u>\$24,999.91</u>
Expenditures	\$24,999.91	
Income	21,565.64	
		<u>\$3,434.27</u>
Gain on securities sold		11.86
		<u>\$3,422.41</u>
Deficit		
Fruit and Flower Mission.		
Contributions received through the year ..	\$246.00	
Unexpended balance from previous years ...	168.37	
	<u>\$414.37</u>	
Expenses	176.50	
	<u>\$237.87</u>	
Surplus		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Arlington Street Church	\$1,335.89
King's Chapel	825.00
South Congregational Church	700.00
First Church in Boston	500.00
Second Church in Boston	200.00
First Parish, Dorchester	150.00
Church of the Disciples	74.47
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	32.08
First Parish, Brookline	28.00
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	20.00
Winchester Unitarian Society	20.00
First Congregational Parish, Arlington	18.31
First Parish, West Roxbury	15.00
	<u>\$3,918.75</u>
Carried forward	

Brought forward	\$3,918.75
First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain	15.00
First Parish and First Church in Cambridge	10.00
Church of the Unity, Neponset	10.00
Social Service Council of Unitarian Women	10.00
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	\$3,963.75
For Bulfinch Place Church	300.00

FRIENDS.

Mrs. Otis Norcross	\$100.00
J. Randolph Coolidge	25.00
C. J. A.	1.00
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	\$126.00

We have also received as an addition to our funds the following:—

Gift under the will of Seth K. Sweetser	\$2,000.00
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I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches in the City of Boston, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1915, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEO. S. CHASE, C. P. A.,
Auditor.

Boston, May 10, 1915.

REPORT OF THE
Bulfinch Place Church
Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

1914-1915.

Since the last annual report of Bulfinch Place Church, its people have celebrated the twentieth anniversary of its present ministry, which began on Sept. 1, 1894.

The occasion (Oct. 29, 1914), was a very happy one bringing together, in addition to our regular congregation, many old friends of the church and many personal friends of the minister and his wife. After the usual reception and interchange of social greetings a few words of reminiscence and congratulation were spoken by one of our best friends, Rev. James De Normandie, to which the minister, speaking for himself and his people, responded.

This event, the rounding out of a twenty years' ministry, may serve as a text for the present report, which will be a brief resume or account of stewardship, pointing out some of the principal events that have happened, as well as some of the changes in work and methods that have come about, and recalling, on the other hand, the fundamental principles of this ministry-at-large that never change and which have been its inspiration from the beginning.

When I entered upon the work Mr. Winkley was the minister in charge and he continued to be so for two years. Then, having completed fifty years of service, he resigned and became the pastor-emeritus, a position he filled with the greatest interest and loyalty for fifteen



THE OPEN DOOR — BULFINCH PLACE CHURCH.

years, until his death. May I not take this opportunity to repeat what I have often said that he was an ideal senior minister, always sympathetic, never-failing in loyalty, insisting that his successor should carry out his own plans and in his own way, and asking for him the same friendship and cooperation he himself had enjoyed for so many years? And may I not add that the influence of Mr. Winkley's life and the momentum of his wonderful ministry have been strongly felt all these years and have carried us over many hard places and made possible whatever development has followed?

Looking back over the last twenty years two events stand out as peculiarly significant, first, the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Ministry-at-Large, on Dec. 8, 1901, and of the Howard Sunday School on March 12, 1902; second, the remodelling of the church building in the summer of 1904. Both of these were of great interest at the time, but I refer to them now because they stand for two points of view, both of which we have endeavored to maintain, and for two lines of work, both of which we have tried to follow. The first point of view, represented by the anniversaries referred to, is that of loyalty to the spirit and fundamental principles of the past, while the second is that of readiness to use new methods according to the new needs of the present. The first line of work, represented again by the anniversaries, is that of self-culture and service to individuals; while the second, typified to some extent at least by the remodelled building, is that of neighborhood or social service. To both of these points of view or lines of work we have tried to be faithful, as the following facts will indicate.

In remodelling the building in 1904 special care was taken not only to retain the Sunday School rooms but to make the church itself as homelike and attractive as possible. Since then several memorial tablets have been erected which are not only beautiful in design but worthy

in the message they convey to us from the past they commemorate. In the Sunday School there is one which recalls the founding of the school in 1826 and sets forth its ideal, namely the development of the higher life. In the church are others in memory of Joseph Tuckerman, founder of the Minister-at-Large; Charles Faulkner, for fifty years a teacher in the Sunday School; Frances S. Merrill, for forty-two years assistant to the minister and everyone's friend; and Samuel H. Winkley, for sixty-five years minister of this church. After the fire on the first of September 1913 everything was done to restore the church to its best condition and to make it even more beautiful.

Now what does this emphasis upon the church and this interest in its past show? Not merely an interest of sentiment or tradition but a genuine belief that at the center of all service for individuals or society, if it is to be of lasting value, must lie the character motive, the moral and religious life.

The ministry-at-large must be a ministry not only to the body but also, and chiefly, to the soul. Important as the work of education or philanthropy is, that of character and the spiritual life is far more important.

This is what Dr. Tuckerman believed; this is what Mr. Winkley knew so well; and this is the truth which the church and the Howard Sunday School, with their treasured memories and ideals, seek to maintain. So we have endeavored all these years to keep these central institutions strong. The ministry-at-large has been a ministry to individuals, to each child, to each man or woman, to each family. It has gone forth to do the work of a good Samaritan, to minister in a hundred ways to the physical needs of those who have fallen by the way, but it has realized that the best of all service is to inspire men with higher motives and to give them moral and spiritual strength. So we have kept up the parish visiting and personal friendships and have laid special em-

phasis upon the human touch and the old-fashioned virtues of righteousness, truth and goodwill, as well as "the three eternities," faith and hope and love.

But as the years have gone by certain changes have come about which the new building well represents. In general these have been made along the lines of denominational and neighborhood service. Not forgetting our own members, whether in the church or Sunday School, we have endeavored to reach out into the community to serve others. Not forgetting the duty we owe to our own individually, we have sought to educate our members in social obligations and to make the church a center for good works. Realizing the possible narrowness and on the other hand the possible breadth of a religious organization, we have tried to enlarge our vision and our life by relating our church in a variety of ways to other churches, and causes, and especially to the people among whom our church stands. To this end a dozen or more societies or organizations have sprung up in the church or Sunday School, everyone inspired by the motive so clearly expressed in the motto of our Parish paper, "Our Work," namely, "Not to be ministered unto but to minister."

For example, a Women's Alliance was organized to connect our people with the work of the Unitarian denomination, locally and nationally, and the result has been most satisfactory, giving us a wider knowledge and interest and enabling us to render considerable service to the churches and the denomination every year. Thus we are closely connected with the Unitarian Association, the Sunday School Society, the National Alliance, and all the hospitalities of Anniversary Week. The Alliance raises about \$700 every two years for its work. Through its eyes we look East, West, North and South, and feel ourselves related to the organizations of a liberal religion everywhere.

Again, our Lend-a-Hand clubs of which there are

eight or ten, were started with the idea of training the children and others in unselfish helpfulness, on the theory that no one is too poor to serve some one else and no life too humble to share itself with others.

This object has been gained and the work of the clubs has given concrete expression over and over again to the feelings which our religious teachings inspire. The largest of these clubs in the Eliot Circle, comprising about one hundred and fifty women, and among its interests is the Vacation House at North Andover (The Charlotte Home) at which more than 100 guests are received each summer and of which a full account has been given in previous reports. It is an illustration of the Lend-a-Hand spirit which the other clubs, in smaller but not less helpful ways, are expressing.

The service we try to render to our Neighborhood and Community is shown by the following list of activities all of which with one or two exceptions have come into life during the twenty years just ended. The Gymnasium, in use for classes eight times a week; Stereopticon Lectures, two courses of six each, annually; a Temperance Society, with committees on Good Citizenship and Neighborhood Improvement; the Saturday Evening Reading and Game Room; the Saturday Classes in Music and Sewing; a Children's Hour for neighborhood children once a week; the Flower Mission during the summer; Summer Outings and Excursions, and Vacations for a limited number; the Old Ladies' Party in June; the Vacation House and Eliot Circle, already mentioned; the Instructive District Nurses' Association, to which we give one of our rooms as headquarters for the North and West Ends; the Neighborhood Sunday Evenings, attracting many men and women from the vicinity; Socials and Entertainments, chiefly for our own people but including many others at Christmas and on special occasions; and finally "Our Work," a little paper issued monthly and car-

rying our message of good-will and good cheer to a circle much wider than our membership.

In addition to the above special mention should be made of the Winkley Guild which is closely associated with the Sunday School and which has taken a new lease of life during the past year, holding meetings once a month during the Sunday School hour and also a week-day Social, monthly. Twice during the season it has conducted a "Congregational" to which all members of the Church and Sunday School were invited.

As I began by saying, we have tried during these twenty years to be faithful to the two points of view and the two lines of work represented by the history of the ministry-at-large and by modern ideas of social service. The first leads to emphasis upon the church and the Sunday School, while the second reaches out into the neighborhood to serve in a variety of ways. The first seeks to help individuals and the second, groups of individuals and causes. Both have at heart the ideals of a healthier, happier and holier life for each and all.

Deeply conscious of many failures, we can yet look back with some satisfaction, and surely with gratitude, to the fact that in spite of the changed conditions in the neighborhood of the church and the increasing difficulties experienced by all city churches, we have been able not only to maintain our church and Sunday School with reasonable success but to enlarge our philanthropic and social work in so many ways. The chief satisfaction as well as the real beauty of a work such as we have tried to do is to be found in the multitude of small services rendered from day to day and in the steady influence of our church, through its paid and many volunteer workers, for good among the people it reaches far and near.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

The North End Union

**20 Parmenter Street
Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street**

Local Board of Directors—

Edward A. Horton, Chairman, Julia W. Frothingham, Ida Mason, Abby S. Perry, Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Paul R. Frothingham, Edwin D. Mead, Arthur W. Moors, Leonard Tufts, Samuel F. Hubbard.

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Miss Marion L. Bishop, Assistant, Children's House.

Francis P. Malgeri, in charge of Adult Italian Work.

Olaus Olson, Janitor. Mrs. Rose Fratus, Bath Room.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Those who have written reports of a given work for more than twenty consecutive years realize how difficult it is to tell "the old, old story" in a new, original way each year; so it has seemed best to ask those who have the responsibility of the different departments to present their reports individually. This give definiteness

and, let it be hoped, a better presentation of the work than any composite description can do.

To those who are not aware of the status of the North End Union, let it be said that the Union is a branch of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches and is mainly financed by it; the balance being made up by private donations.

While the Union has its own Board of Directors, it is, nevertheless, closely linked in its administration with the Fraternity, in that several members of the Union Board are also members of the Fraternity Board of Directors.

After twenty-three years' experience as superintendent of the Union, with this interlocking directorate which has been and is of distinct value and service to the Union, I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial co-operation and hearty support of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches, which has generously recognized the necessity of increased expenditures, because of the growth and development of the work, by making larger appropriations for the Union, year by year. All this is very gratifying to those of us who are directly responsible for the work.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE REPORT

By Mary P. Ingalls, Head Resident Worker

If our work this year has differed from that of previous years, it has been in breadth and depth rather than in essentials, for our motive has remained the same—the development of personality. This is our reason for existing. Whatever we teach we aim to teach as well as possible, but our principal endeavor is to be helpful to the girl in a far deeper sense. We may produce a good cook or dressmaker, but our hope is to produce a woman who may have the respect of the community and of herself.

In order to be truly helpful to the girl, one must know the girl well, and this necessitates knowing her in her home and knowing her family. Many of a girl's difficulties may be traced to her home life. For this reason, calls were made on families two mornings every week. In these calls Mr. Malgeri was of the greatest help, not only because of the language, but because his name is an introduction into almost every Italian home in the North End. In our calling last winter we had a new element with which to deal. Our calls are purely social, as one neighbor to another, with the ideal of service deeply underlying, but owing to the hard winter we found almost every family in want of some kind and were able to direct them, and in some cases to go with them, to the various agencies which deal with their particular kind of need. These calls are of inestimable value in that we are able to make the families of the girls understand what the Children's House is trying to stand for in the community.

Not only did we go and see the mother, but we invited the mother to come to us for a social hour and a cup of tea one afternoon a week. This has been another bond between us, for the mothers have gotten better acquainted with each other, and with us. And they had a good time. We played the Italian opera records on the victrola for them, danced—for the Italian mothers love dancing as well as some of the younger folk,—had Italian singers, and showed pictures on a screen, with talks on various subjects. One set of pictures was views of Italy. At another meeting Dr. Stowe, interpreted by Mr. Malgeri, gave a lecture on tuberculosis, with pictures. The women were immensely interested and asked many intelligent questions.

Our playroom continued as usual, with more and more applying for entrance as the year progressed. Miss Stocker had charge the first part of the year and Miss Elliot the second.

All the sewing was systematized under one head, Mrs. Lathrop, for whose management and skill I cannot say enough. The success of her classes proves this. The youngest children made patchwork quilts for their dolls, the older ones made undergarments for themselves, and the girls finally went into the regular dressmaking classes, meeting two afternoons a week, where they made their own dresses.

We had our usual classes in cooking, embroidery, scrap-book-making for younger children, games, dancing and gymnasium combined, expression, knitting, etc. The Glee Club for older girls, meeting in the evening, was especially successful, the girls themselves choosing to sing nothing but opera selections in three parts. This meant hard work, and the results were very gratifying. The library had a circulation of fifteen hundred books, showing an increase over last year. Music lessons were given two afternoons a week and places provided for practice.

Nearly all the clubs were engaged in knitting for the Red Cross the first part of the year and getting ready for a fair in benefit of the Camp Fund this spring. One club of girls between twelve and fifteen years of age took up cooking. All of the clubs had a lecture on hygiene once a month by Dr. Ingraham, who was sent to us by the Massachusetts Society for Sex Education. An especial effort was made to train the clubs in parliamentary law. Open House continued to be popular, and at House meetings the girls learned many valuable lessons in community life and in politics.

A new activity, which had hitherto been undertaken by the Milk and Baby Hygiene Association, was taken on by the Children's House. This was the monthly luncheon for nurses and other social workers in the district, which seemed to be enjoyed by all. We wish to extend our thanks to Miss Gallagher of the Milk and Baby Hygiene Association, to whom a great part of the success of these

lunches was due; also to the High School of Practical Arts for providing us with very able assistance.

Miss Stearns' position has been filled by Miss Marion L. Bishop of Norwich, Conn., who has done splendid work in an efficient manner.

Thanks are due to the High School of Practical Arts and to the Posse School of Gymnastics, not only for providing us with teachers, but for their co-operation in keeping these teachers efficient. We also thank our many other volunteer helpers for their faithful service during the year.

REPORT OF BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Dr. Irving E. Stowe, Assistant Superintendent

In taking up the boys' work at the North End Union it seemed advisable to make as few changes as possible in the routine of the previous year, for the reason that, owing to a lack of knowledge of the problems presented, any radical move might be more disastrous than beneficial.

Therefore, in addition to the ordinary work, the past year has been one of study as well. Situations were presented which were not only unknown to me but more or less to my predecessor. These had to be faced and a solution found to which there was no well-known key.

Necessarily an analysis of club work had to be made, so that the problems therein presented might as far as possible be solved. The value of the club in its relation, not only to the boy, but also to the supervisor, was studied, so that we might have a clearer and more definite idea of the end we wished to reach.

We have also made a more careful supervision of the clubs. Programs were prepared so that one could be used if the supervisor came unprepared, or as a substitute for one which we thought not suitable. Thus an evening

might be given up to questions on conduct, hygiene, or history, another to the discussion of trades and professions and how best to get a job. The principal object of this program being not only to instruct, but to require each boy to take part in the discussion.

Visiting has been a considerable part of our work. In company with Mr. Malgeri, two mornings each week have been spent visiting the homes of the boys. By so doing we have made the members feel that the Union had a very close relation to his family life. This has strengthened our discipline and dissipated many false conceptions that the Italian parent has regarding club life and the general aims of the North End Union. Secondly it has widened the scope of the work amongst adult Italians and brought many of them into other departments of the Union.

From this experience it seems clear that this feature should form a very large part of our work. For only by so doing will we be able to know our boys and all the forces which should make for their welfare.

During the past winter we have tried to bring together all the boys in any way connected with the Union. Saturday night being the only evening on which we have no clubs, a mass club was formed which met each week. They elected their own officers, except that of President, I having assumed this office myself. Each meeting was divided into two periods, one for the transaction of business, and the rest of the time for athletic games. Each club having a basket ball team challenged another. These contests were then played off. This has resulted in an increase of loyalty to the club and the establishment of a certain amount of club spirit.

By means of this mass club we have also taken a step toward self government, for the boys have been stimulated in various ways to bring about a certain amount of order and discipline.

It has also been the means of establishing a change

in the attitude of the members toward those who are unfortunate and need help. In the early part of the winter our attention was called to certain families who were in want. The boys took the initiative and set aside fifty per cent of their club income to relieve the distress of any one whom the officers of the club should consider worthy. With one exception, all of the cases receiving aid in this way were strangers to the club, and in no case did the members know to whom they gave.

We hope to continue and materially develop this branch of the work during the coming year, for we believe that a very important part of character-building is to bring the boy to realize that there are those to whom he can render a service.

Quite as important has been the closer relationship which has been established between the Social Service Department of Harvard University and the North End Union. From this source we get most of our supervisors and it has been of material advantage to us during the past year.

During the winter a certain amount of preventive medicine has been taught. A small group of boys was formed to which was explained "First Aid to the Injured." Later two clubs made this an important feature of their work, with lectures and demonstrations. Incidentally they were taught the general rules of personal hygiene. The development of the boys in the gymnasium was also examined and the opportunity taken to give advice along the same lines. Moreover, during one week talks, with lantern slides, were given on the dangers of tuberculosis and how to prevent it. This naturally led to a discussion of sanitary and hygienic laws.

In January a glee club was started under the direction of Mr. Gallozzi and has been doing good work. We hope next year to combine this with a small chorus of adults who are also pupils of Mr. Gallozzi, and so make it a more important feature.

The gymnasium classes this year started early with a fairly large membership for both juniors and seniors. Another class was formed for boys from eight to twelve. This met every Saturday morning at eleven. Part of the time was given to gymnasium work and the remainder to athletic games in which all could take part.

One innovation was tried and became very popular. An hour each afternoon was given to certain groups for the privilege of playing basket ball in the gymnasium. This served a double purpose. As these groups were usually members of one club it not only stimulated the club spirit, but also brought us into close contact with the members, and in this way we were able to study the individual to much greater advantage.

Towards the close of the year two troops of Boy Scouts were formed under the initiative of Mr. Ross Whittier, the supervisor of the Whittier Club. The movement has been quite successful. Several hikes have taken place and we hope that most of the boys may take part in a Scout camp some time during the present summer.

We look forward with hope to the development of larger and more extended work during the coming year along the lines which we have indicated.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF UNITARIAN WOMEN ITALIAN COMMITTEE

Mrs. George H. Root, Chairman, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord,
Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins. Advisory Member, Mr.
Samuel F. Hubbard.

The Italian Committee of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women report progress! For three years it has been necessary to meet once a week with Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Malgeri at the North End Union, but the plan of work is now more definite and, with the hearty co-opera-

tion of all the North End Union workers, has become nearer systematized.

Mr. Malgeri's weekly reports are made to the chairman and an extra meeting arranged if needed.

It is the desire of this committee to give the best possible help to the adult Italians of the North End, especially to the women, that they may understand and guide their children to become Americans in the best sense of the word.

STELLA R. ROOT, Chairman.

REPORT OF ITALIAN WORK

By Frances P. Malgeri

Nothing new, in the nature of our work for Italian adults, may be found in this brief report. Even if we had the ambition of attempting new features of work, we could not, in account of the conditions exposed in the report of last year, which still exist. Nevertheless there is much of new to be said. The most important success of our work, it is, I believe, the recognition of the North End Union from Italians, as a place where all their needs are heard sympathetically, and assistance given with the best spirit of brotherliness.

We do not need any more to advertise what we do. Here is an example. We had printed cards of invitation to our evening class, but we had not to use them, because pupils came, and are coming, continuously, for themselves, without any solicitation. Even the quality of pupils has changed fundamentally. We have now the majority of our pupils belonging to the most inquisitive type of pupils. They are eager not only to learn English, but also to know why, and how the peculiar English expressions are to be used. Our illustrated lectures on American History were so interesting, that I believe almost all of the attendants might now speak of our Historical events

with a full knowledge of them. In the class of Citizenship we had the same results: all of the pupils got their full paper.

Of the Mothers' Club will, certainly, report Miss Ingalls. I am glad to say that mothers are coming in larger number than before, and with full confidence and a splendid social spirit of friendliness.

The friendly service calls, which has been greatly intensified in this year, constitutes, probably, the most important piece of work. It is wonderful to realize the warm reception extended to us wherever we go. To a certain extent we are considered as of the family, and we partake in sorrows and joys of those we are acquainted with. Often Miss Ingalls, and Dr. Stowe, and I are solicited to take part in festivities, as weddings, and such other pleasant events, and we must go, because our absence should be resented. Miss Ingalls is now recognized as the Little Providence, among our neighbors; Dr. Stowe as the friend Doctor of the Poor, as well as the Mentor of our boys' clubs, and Mr. Hubbard as the Good Old Friend from whom all the good wish irradiates around. There is one trouble only, that we are considered of much more importance and authority than we really have.

All of our balls were successes, more especially the one in costume. Many of our people asked, incessantly, to have our festival of roses repeated, and this constitutes the best proof of the enjoyment they had last year.

What shall we do during Summer? What shall we do the next Fall and Winter? Nobody may draw up a definite program of work, because nobody may foresee the new opportunities which will come up in the near future. We are here, ready to accept any suggestion, to receive any criticism, and to give any service which we are able to give.

(Note. In presenting Mr. Malgeri's report it has seemed best to retain the picturesque English in which it was written.)

THE SCHOOL OF PRINTING**A. A. Stewart, Instructor**

It has been pointed out that it is a wasteful, uneconomical method to try to give a boy in the average workshop (even where the employer is willing to do so) the kind of preliminary training he should have in order to succeed in a vocation. The employer cannot afford to interrupt the work of his shop or to spare the time of his journeymen to teach a beginner. And even if this method were practicable, the limitations of the average shop, owing to specialization, would offer only a very limited range of training for workmen in a skilled trade.

The logic of this situation is that boys and girls should be given initial education for a trade in a school primarily devoted to that purpose. This idea, entertained years ago by those who established the trade schools at the North End Union, is now generally recognized and the extension of the idea has been rapidly developing.

The School of Printing represents in a concrete way the interest which the superintendent and directors of the North End Union have in the cause of training young people for a vocation. They have given it a home and made its continuance possible for fifteen years, during which time they have seen what many persons termed an educational fad come to be acknowledged an industrial necessity. With the master printers who have been concerned in the success of the School during these years, these loyal benefactors should have no small satisfaction in seeing their conception of the problem and its solution widely accepted by educators, employers, and journeymen, as the basis on which sound industrial education must ultimately depend.

There has been no special change in the work or routine of the School of Printing during the year different from that which has been carried on for the past several

years. The object has been to give boys who wish to learn the printer's trade some all-round fundamental knowledge and practical experience in printing trade work, so that after the year in the School they may go into the workshop with an intelligent understanding of the work before them.

The routine of the School follows closely that of regular workshops, including the eight-hour working day. The term covers one year. As the work is almost entirely individual, pupils may enter at any time there is a vacancy. The instruction is carried on with actual trade-work in which each pupil is given ample opportunity to learn all the operations of producing many kinds of typographic work.

During the year the pupils in the School, by printing several circulars and other matter, have been of assistance in the work of the committee on apprentices of the United Typothetae and Franklin Clubs of America, which is carrying on a systematic propaganda for apprentice training throughout the country. Many of the pamphlets on industrial education, which have been printed from time to time, have during the past year found a wide circulation among individuals and organizations interested in this work.

There have been fourteen pupils in attendance during the year, ten of whom have graduated and have gone to work in various printing offices in the city.

The Saturday Morning Sewing Class, under the direction of Miss Barnes, Miss Bibbey, and Mrs. Everett, instructor, has continued to do effective work under the immediate guidance of twenty teachers. Valuable as the instruction in sewing is, more important is the personal relationship established between teacher and pupil.

The future of our Sunday School is problematical. It has been made up almost wholly of Jewish children. These have been and are moving away to other sections

of the city, so that it is only a question of time when it may seem wise to close it.

Our appreciative thanks are due to Mr. Gallozzi, who has had charge of our classes in singing, and to many others who have given willing service.

Although the milk station is not specifically a part of the Union, nor does it require any supervision on our part, yet it is so closely tied up with our work as to make it seem a proper and appropriate part of the whole.

MODIFIED MILK STATION

By Miss M. Alice Gallagher, Nurse in charge.

The one marked change in Milk Station routine this winter has been the large number of charity cases on our list, owing to lack of work among the laborers the previous summer and the consequent inability to save for the usual period of enforced idleness during the winter. The thirty or more paying cases out of a daily number of eighty or more applicants came from the homes of skilled workmen or those with fair bank accounts.

Owing to the splendid co-operation maintained with the Associated Charities, all families on their list with young babies were referred to us. While this meant increased registration, increased vigilance in the homes, and a more or less complicated system of bookkeeping, with no increase in our working staff of our permanent nurse and a constantly changing number of nurses from the post graduate course of the Instructive District Nursing Association, we have been well repaid by better cared for babies, cleaner homes, and extended educational opportunities, as well as by a quick resumption of personal financial responsibility as soon as business prospects became brighter and more permanent.

The attendance at our Wednesday conference has never been less than fifty-five, and often as high as sixty, even seventy, unless the weather was impossible. Italians predominate, but at least nine other nationalities send representatives.

Our death rate has been lower this year at this station, in spite the fact that many otherwise breast-fed babies were obliged to have artificial feeding part of the day while the mothers were employed in trying to supplement the family pittance. This left us the fathers to train and they proved apt and willing pupils.

One of the greatest handicaps in the homes is an almost total lack of a proper and continuous fire. This is not always due to poverty, but to the use of wood and charcoal, neither of which produce a lasting effect. In spite of this difficulty, all but three babies on supplementary feeding are having their milk prepared at home by some member of the family, and this I think is the chief extension of educational work the past year.

The "Little Nurses" have not been neglected. Weekly meetings have been held and an annual exhibition given.

A great deal of credit is due the nurse from the Board of Health for her steady and efficient co-operation for the past three years, as well as to the student nurses who have proved efficient and intelligent visitors under circumstances which at first hand must seem both confusing and difficult. Thanks are due the North End Union for comfortable working quarters and constant kindly interest and help.

Channing Church

Dorchester Avenue and East Cottage Street.

The record of Channing Church for its fifteenth year ending April 1915, is gratifying to review. Not that all which we hoped for has been realized, but that such good results, good health and good spirit have characterized all the units of the Parish. Possibly the best fore-gleam of all this was revealed in the reopening service in September when a congregation gathered, very near the hundred mark, larger than at any previous reopening, radiating the finest and happiest spirit that any minister could ask!

During the year each department of the Church has grown in numbers as well as in strength. The Sunday School has reached its highest enrollment for years and has added two new Classes. Lack of room has severely handicapped the School's work all through the year. The Alliance, which counts this their most gratifying year, received nine new members. The Guild reports additions of eight members and the Men's Club which began the year with less than twenty members ended the year with forty seven. "Counting noses" is not always profitable yet it may be suggestive.

I might follow this with Sunday statistics. Forty-one morning services gave an average attendance of seventy-three—an increase of five over last year. The lowest attendance was forty-one, the highest one hundred and seventy-two. The Parish Committee in its annual greeting at the re-opening of Church, proposed that for the first ten Sundays we try for an average attendance of one hundred. What we actually accomplished was an

average of eighty-one or twenty-four more per Sunday than the corresponding Sundays of 1913. Churches, like individuals, have their ups and downs, but a perusal of the following table of Church attendance for the last two years is interesting.

Sunday Morning Services.

1913-1914	1914-1915	Congregations Numbering
2	0	30 to 40
5	3	40 to 50
16	10	50 to 60
8	13	60 to 70
5	10	70 to 100
4	5	100 and over

Eight evening meetings have averaged an attendance of 133. It may be interesting to chronicle them. October, "Personal Observations at the Mobilization in France" by Rev. Joel Metcalf, and "What American Women can do about the War" by Mrs. James J. Storrow. November, "Jesus and Child Labor" by Mrs. Sara Conboy. December, the annual Christmas Song and Candle Service and later Christmas Music and a Dramatic Monologue "The Quest of the Wise Men" by Rev. John Haynes Holmes, enacted by four members of the Men's club. January, "The Problem of the Negro and his Citizenship" by Miss Maria Baldwin. February, "The Gospel of Jesus and Unemployment" by Rev. Bouck White of New York. March, "Work with Italians in Boston" by Mr. Malgeri and Miss Ingalls. April, "Europe's Best Contribution to America" by Dr. Charles F. Dole. The last four of these meetings were arranged jointly by the Music and Social Service committees and proved especially inspiring.

A lot of new ventures this year show the life and en-

terprise of the Parish, such as the Church calendar, a neat little folder with a cut of the Church on the outside and complete announcements for the month inside; a series of meetings at the minister's house to read "A Far Journey," Mr. Rihbany himself appearing at the last meeting to give further personal reminiscences; the custom at the Alliance at every other meeting of some member reading one of the lending papers from headquarters; the sending of a delegate (Mrs. Blanchard) by the Sunday School to the Sunday School meetings at the Isles of Shoals; a series of Lenten meetings at the Church during Easter month; entertaining the Norfolk Conference at its Fall meeting. These ventures, splendidly carried out, together with the Harvest Supper, the Thanksgiving and Civic Outlook Meeting, the picnic, the Teachers' monthly meetings and Parents' Meetings, the open meetings of the Alliance, Guild and Men's Club and many other events have made a busy and happy year.

A word of appreciation for the workers of the Sunday School is gladly added. Now and then I hear ministers discuss how difficult or even impossible it is to have Teachers' and Parents' meetings. Not so in Channing Church! With eleven teachers, the superintendent and minister, our monthly teachers' meetings have had almost perfect attendance with real, happy interest evinced. Our two Parents' Meetings (having reduced the number this year to increase their value) have been splendidly attended. One was addressed by Rev. Florence Buck and the other by Mr. Arthur Merritt of the Pilgrim Church Sunday School. So strong was the appeal of these meetings and so large was the attendance especially at the latter that a Parents' Sunday was immediately arranged when Dr. William C. Gannett and the minister spoke to more parents probably than ever before attended a Sunday service in the Church! The Sunday School interest again cropped out in connection with the School work at the Isles of Shoals where not only one delegate was sent,

but also the Superintendent, two teachers, one advanced pupil and the minister voluntarily attended paying their own way.

Two occasions deserve special mention; the Patriotic Meeting Sunday morning following Memorial Day when members of the Dahlgren G. A. R. Post occupied the pulpit platform and one after another spoke to the crowded auditorium; the other, Children's Sunday when six children were dedicated and eleven new members publicly received into the Church Fellowship.

My exchanges for the year have been with Rev. Louis Dethlefs of Medford; Dr. Geo. C. Cutter of Neponset; Rev. Henry W. Pinkham of Melrose; Rev. F. Raymond Sturtevant of Taunton and Rev. Otto Lyding of Roxbury. These exchanges together with other occasions have brought during the year about a score of active and often celebrated men and women into Channing Church. What better office can the Church render than to introduce its people to leading spirits of the age, whose message and personality throb with life, devotion and wisdom?

The work among the young girls of the parish, has been conducted devotedly by Mrs. Blanchard who has become not so much a leader as a real friend to all the girls of the parish. Most of them, who are too young for the Guild are enrolled in the Sturtevant Circle which has again become a Lend-a-Hand branch. Another happy event is the addition to the Alliance of several of the young ladies hitherto connected only with the Guild. The 1914 Club among the Boys has been turned into a Boy Scout Troop, No. 3 of Dorchester and has been conducted by the Minister as Scout Master and Mr. Wadsworth White as Assistant Scout Master. Meetings have been weekly and created a great deal of interest and activity.

Owing to a contest in the election of Parish officers the annual meeting was larger and more spirited than in former years. Eighty or more members were present, most of whom partook of the Parish Supper before the

meeting. Then followed fifteen minutes of social singing and then the business of the Parish. The following officers were elected: President, E. B. Blanchard; Secretary, Miss Leila Boles; Treasurer, Mr. James Campbell; Financial Secretary, Mr. A. R. Gilliland. Representatives on the Parish Committee are Mrs. Wm. F. Harden from the Alliance, Mr. Geo. N. Winter from the Men's Club; Mr. William Keim from the Guild, Miss Elizabeth S. Chadbourne from the Parish at large.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance on hand May 1, 1914	\$294.50
Total receipts during the year	794.44
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1914-1915 working fund	\$1,088.94
Total expenditures	1,064.81
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Balance April 30, 1915	\$24.13

Through an oversight there was twenty nine dollars more that should have been credited to the receipts on the year, bringing the real balance, at the end of the off year, close to fifty dollars. Altogether it was an inspiring, happy, prosperous year for Channing Church.

Submitted respectfully,

CHARLES PHELPS WELLMAN.

Parker Memorial

Joint Committee Appointed by the Fraternity and Hale House.

Rev. Edward Cummings, Chairman,	
Ernest C. Amy, Secretary,	Rev. P. R. Frothingham,
Thomas P. Beal, Jr.,	Arthur W. Moors,
Rev. Howard N. Brown,	Robert A. Woods.

Local Staff

Ernest C. Amy, Superintendent
 M. Gertrude Stearns, Director of Classes & Secretary
 Hubert P. Colton, Director of Boys' Work
 Morris Goldberg, Assisting Mr. Colton & Boy Scout Master
 Carl J. Decker, Janitor

Church of the Messiah

Rev. Powhatan Bagnall, Minister

Fruit & Flower Mission

Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln in charge.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTEDENT

53 Berkeley Street and 11 Appleton Street

In considering the work of the past year at Parker Memorial it will be well to make a comparison between what is going on each week now and that which Parker Memorial housed five years ago. This comparison yields the following:

ACTIVITIES OF	1914-1915		1909-1910	
	Each week	Entire year	Each week	Entire year
Classes—Millinery, Dressmaking, Dancing, Cooking ...	15	450	11	330
Boys' Clubs	36	1116	2	60
Boy Scouts, 3 Troops	3	93		
Gymnasium Classes	6	180	1	30
Sloyd Classes	3	90	3	90
Self Culture Club	1	40		
Physical Culture Class			1	30
Clay Modeling Class			2	60
Girls' Folk Dancing & Games	2	60	1	30
Kindergarten			2	60
Regular Social Gatherings ...	2	60	2	60
Irregular and outside; story-telling, competitive games, debates, etc.		248		249
School Visitors			1	30
Assoc. Charities and Boston Social Union meetings ...		108		
Total	68	2045	25	1029

Of the 248 affairs most of them were gatherings of people from other social centers occupying one or another of the halls. Altogether during the year as is seen above there were in the various rooms at Parker Memorial 2045 meetings that have a direct influence on the upward trend of society and none that have a downward pull.

An adequate report would tell something of each one of these gatherings. That of course is quite impossible. A truthful report would say that some of them were to an intelligent supervisor more or less disappointing; that others were satisfying and encouraging and that all of them to a greater or less degree were ministering to the wholesome needs of an awakening people who are endeavoring to make such uses of their spare time as will help them to better their condition in life.

About two-thirds of the people who come to Parker Memorial live within ten minutes' walk of the building. The other third live farther away and are attracted to the classes because of superior advantages in one way or another.

It will be seen from this comparative tabulation that the value of this fine building has doubled in five years. Those who are responsible for it should be assured that its influence is growing and that the committee and those in charge are making every effort to discover new and better ways of increasing its usefulness. As has already been said, a detailed report of its activities would be impossible; a fair sample of a report would read something like the following:

Under the leadership of a young man who was born and brought up in this neighborhood, 15 boys of an average age of 14 were studying during the year the make-up of the city government. This young man has been voting two years only but he begins to appreciate democratic institutions. He has a permanent feeling of gratitude toward the influences and people who affected the formation of his ideals. He is a big, fine looking, athletic boy

who has during this year given freely of his time to the younger boys, looking after their games, spending two, three and often four evenings a week with them in their club life and gymnasium work, taking them to foot-ball games and on tramps. At the same time he is making an effort to work out his own life problems, with a vastly better chance of success than if he had never come in contact with the many men whom he has met here at Parker Memorial.

Here again is a troop of Chinese Scouts with their Scout Master who belongs to a nation which has received its full measure of persecution and exclusion during its long, sad history. Of his own volition he has gathered these vigorous Chinese boys into a scout troop; spends one evening a week without any thought of pay in teaching them everything belonging to scout activities. Another evening each week he gives them instruction in the gymnasium which they follow up with shower bath and rub-down. The other two scout troops at Parker Memorial are the result of the efforts of this same scout master and are under his supervision.

This evening in the gymnasium there are 30 boys under the instruction of an able teacher, a Harvard Medical Student, going through a gymnasium drill without the use of apparatus; partly because our gymnasium equipment is meagre and partly because these boys will have to get on for the rest of their lives without apparatus. This drilling brings into play in the course of an hour every muscle in their bodies, teaches them coordination and builds up that portion of their muscular system which receives little attention in their ordinary activities; it also helps them to understand how easily possible it is to keep themselves in good physical form without expensive equipment. They are much better off than merely out of mischief, for they are having a mighty good time and are forming good habits.

Upstairs in the small hall a company of 50 or more

girls and boys of about 17 are having a party. Four or five young ladies and two or three young men, representing our best New England traditions are looking after them. These young people do not feel themselves superior. They come here because they feel an obligation to society which they wish to discharge; they have grown to really like the young people with whom they associate and well they may. They are all having a good time; a good time which will leave everybody farther on toward any high goal. Such evenings are well spent, both on the part of those who come in from Brookline and on the part of those who come in from Dover Street.

The next floor is occupied by the large hall, the Associated Charities, District 11, the Boston Social Union and the combined business office of Parker Memorial and Hale House.

Tonight there may be in the large hall the Intersettlement Supper where 250 young people from all the settlements in Boston and immediate vicinity are gathered for their annual banquet. Or, it may be the reception of the South End Improvement Society, or a larger dancing party made up of young people from the South End or West End or a combination of both. No dance is allowed in Parker Memorial halls under any circumstances which does not meet the requirements laid down by the committee of management.

On the next floor above are the class rooms for millinery, dressmaking and cooking. These classes are efficiently cared for by their director, and are skilfully taught by the teachers most of whom have had them in charge for a number of years. For the first time in their history they have this year paid something into the revenue of the institution over and above the cost of teaching and supervision.

"The dressmaking classes at Parker Memorial opened with a large registration. Three evenings and two afternoons were devoted to the work which followed along the

same general lines as for the past several years. The evening classes are made up of working girls who are anxious to know how to make clothing for themselves or perhaps a younger sister who is yet at school.

The afternoon classes are made up mostly of mothers or housekeepers who find the sewing instructions of special value particularly where they have school children. The annual exhibition in May proved very interesting for the pupils and their friends, every one having the privilege of viewing the work which had been done during the season."

"The classes in millinery are made up in the main of people who wish to make their own hats and hats for their friends. Notwithstanding this fact we learn that of the 150 pupils in the millinery classes this year four have gone into business for themselves, six have taken positions doing millinery work and two are teaching millinery.

A short outline of the work may prove interesting. The course for beginners consists of drafting buckram frames, designing and making wire frames, learning to cut different kinds of biases of satin and velvet, making folds, covering frames with practice material and later with good material; making bandeaux of different kinds and trimming. In the more advanced classes, making hats of all kinds and the making of trimming, flowers, bows, ornaments, etc. is taught. Everything that comes under the heading of millinery is included in the course.

The average beginner in one term of ten weeks can finish besides practice work, from four to six hats. In the advanced classes the average number of hats is ten in one term. These are pupils who take one lesson a week only. As a general thing women in the classes receive more than double the amount expended in tuition in making hats to order."

The cooking classes made good use of the small equipment provided and we find that the short course in

practical cookery which is taught is a popular one. Two evening classes and one afternoon class were held weekly. These are adult classes and are limited to ten in number. The fee of \$2.50 for ten lessons includes the materials used.

Two dancing classes met each week in the lower hall. These were well attended but not up to the average of a few years ago when the dancing craze first overtook us. The dance for members and former members of these classes which took place the evening of the Exhibit in May was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. It was preceded by a most delightful concert given gratuitously by the Herford Club of Arlington Street Church.

Parker Memorial was able to extend the use of its small hall for twelve weeks during the most trying time of unemployment to the Committee which gave work at this place to 100 women daily for the entire three months. Our domestic science kitchen was used to prepare their lunches and our teacher of cooking was glad to give a portion of her time to supervising the work of providing luncheon for these women.

A separate account of the Fruit and Flower Mission work appears in another place in this report.



MILLINERY CLASS—PARKER MEMORIAL

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

The following from the Boston Transcript of Sept. 10th gives a comprehensive report of the season of 1915:

“IN MY NEIGHBOR’S GARDEN.”

The Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission closed today its forty-sixth season. This was formerly the Boston Flower and Fruit Mission, organized by Helen W. Tinkham in 1869, but since 1908 under the direction of the Benevolent Fraternity of Churches at Miss Tinkham’s request. It is supported by private contributions, and its purpose is to bring the friendly cheerfulness of flowers from suburban gardens and fields to those in the city who love them but have little if any opportunity to secure them. To the flowers are sometimes added fruit and vegetables, which frequently are sent in by thoughtful owners of gardens, and special contributions of eggs, lemons and sugar are distributed among a limited list of persons who benefit by them.

More than fifty individual cases receive the friendly attentions of the Flower Mission during the summer, either through the volunteer visitors from headquarters or by calling themselves, if able. By making distributing centres of some social settlements, playgrounds and day nurseries, many children and their families are reached by the cooperation of teachers and matrons; and two dispensaries gladly receive the flowers for distribution among their out-patients.

In the early days of the work nearly all the hospitals of the city were visited by volunteer visitors with bou-

quets for each ward, but in the great increase of hospital wards this has become impossible, though many bouquets are sent to individual cases in different hospitals by friends who call for the flowers. The railroad officials and the baggage men are cordial in their co-operation in the transportation of the flower baskets which are brought to Parker Memorial on Tuesdays, and Bulfinch Place Church on Fridays by the regular flower mission expressman.

Contributions during this season have been from Abington, through the King's Daughters' Society; Arlington, through church and neighborhood contributions; Beverly, from private estates; Bridgewater, through a church organization; Dorchester, through the Unitarian Church at Meeting House Hill, which with neighborly co-operation from other churches has sent more than twenty-three hundred tied bouquets, with many loose flowers, and in the spring two of its parishioners cut and delivered to the mission a special donation of lilacs; Leominster sent a contribution weekly through a party of Camp Fire girls, who have been most loyal through the season, beginning with mountain laurel and ending with goldenrod; Manchester, from a private estate, has sent quantities of fresh vegetables and bright flowers; Medford and Park street, Medford, are neighborhood contributors of many years' standing; Milton and Marblehead send from beautiful private gardens.

Newtonville, through the Newtonville Womens' Guild, sends perhaps the largest contribution on the list as their system of securing the joint co-operation of several churches provides a large field to call upon. A special donation of fragrant pine pillows from them this season has brought much comfort to invalids and their well-filled hampers of fresh vegetables, eggs, fruit and canned goods add much to the resources of the distributions. Newton Centre through a single contributor sends vegetables, jellies and flowers. The West Newton Unitarian Church contributes flowers, Northboro contributes

by a neighborhood collection from all the gardens; from Shirley the Altrurian Club sends probably the largest floral contribution, using two and sometimes three of the largest size clothes baskets for transportation. The same club, together with the Newtonville Womens' Guild, gives a large donation of jelly to the Flower Mission at Thanksgiving time.

Three young lads from Wayland have sent several well-filled baskets of garden and wild flowers every week; the Walpole Woman's Club is a loyal contributor; and from Weston come apples, as well as flowers.

Distributions other than to individuals have been to Berkeley and Mt. Sinai dispensaries; the Naval and Marine Hospitals; District Nurses; Associated Charities, South End, Sunnyside and Morgan Memorial Day Nurseries; Charlesbank Gymnasium for Girls; Elizabeth Peabody House; Willard Settlement; North Bennet Street School Playground; Hawthorne Club; Hale House; St. Stephen's Playground; and Animal Rescue House for neighborhood children.

Among the volunteer assistants at headquarters have been Miss Florence Harris, Mrs. Carrie Remick, Miss Frances Manchester, Mrs. E. G. Walker, Mrs. Ralph Hilton, Miss Mindora Kennedy, Miss Alice Cotton, Miss Rena Gray, Miss Henry and Miss Hattie Henry, Mrs. William Robinson, Miss Mary Wetherell, Mrs. A. L. Todd, Mrs. E. C. Shepard, Mrs. W. A. French, Miss Olive Moulton, Miss M. A. Dodsworth and Miss Susan Dodsworth.

The work is under the direction of a committee consisting of Mrs. Chas. E. Lincoln, Mrs. Robert G. Shaw, with Mr. William P. Fowler, treasurer. The regular assistants are Miss Maria B. Brown and Miss Virginia P. Tufts."

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Since the closing of the season, apples, pears and vegetables have been sent in by express, prepaid, from Har-

vard Unitarian S. S., Medford and West Manchester and have been distributed by the committee; also at Thanksgiving, generous contributions of jellies and groceries from the Altrurian Club of Shirley and the Newtonville Women's Guild.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the furtherance of our work.

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YEAR 1916-1917.

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Committee on Fruit and Flower Mission

Mr. Fowler, Chairman, and Mrs. Root.

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OF THE

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MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held in the second week of November, January and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF UNITARIAN CHURCHES.

We began this year's work under a new name, the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, with emphasis on the word Unitarian, in order that our denomination might receive credit for the part which it is doing in Boston and vicinity in supporting social service enterprises and missionary work of a religious nature. The Fraternity is the local city missionary society of the Unitarian faith and as such aims through its chapels, churches and neighborhood houses to furnish religious instruction and inspiration, to serve the spiritual and material needs of the less fortunate of our population and to aid and encourage all undertakings and movements which tend to improve the individual and the community.

This last year has shown no lessening of activities. Although one of our organizations, the Church of the Messiah was disbanded, we have carried on at the various chapels and branches an unusually large number of enterprises and are launching a new venture—religious work among the foreign born, with the idea to interest the new-comers to our shores to ally themselves with the Unitarian denomination as adherents of our liberal faith. Arrangements have been made with the Barnard Memorial to use its building for this purpose and the Fraternity is to furnish financial aid to the undertaking.

On December 8th, 1915, a disastrous fire occurred at the North End Union building. Temporary repairs were made which allowed a partial use of the building for the remainder of the year. Bulfinch Place Church generously lent its aid to the Union in furnishing quarters for several of its clubs and classes and the Children's House at No. 32 Parmenter Street served a similar purpose. Even under these handicaps a successful year is reported by the workers in charge of this neighborhood center of the Fraternity.

It has been decided to erect a new building for the

North End Union. A committee has been busily engaged in raising funds for that purpose and a sufficient sum has been realized to date, to warrant having plans drawn with the idea of erecting a new edifice this coming summer.

Bulfinch Place Church has as usual done its effectual work for the people which it ministers to and has inaugurated a Forum which holds meetings on Sunday evenings. Under the will of Calanthe E. Marsh the Bulfinch Place Church is left \$1000 and is also one of the residuary legatees of this estate.

At Channing Church all the various organizations connected therewith have had a most prosperous year's work. Unfortunately the relations existing between the congregation and the minister have not been harmonious and Mr. Wellman's term as pastor of this church is to terminate December 31st, 1916.

N. WINTHROP ROBINSON, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian
Churches for the Year Ending May 1st, 1916.

INCOME.

Rents	\$2,581.94	
Income from investments	15,137.68	
Contributions from friends	145.00	
Contributions from churches and organizations.....	4,502.50	
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church.....	300.00	
		<u>\$22,667.12</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Parker Memorial.

Expenses	\$4,000.00	
City of Boston, 1915 taxes.....	338.40	\$4,338.40
		<u>\$4,338.40</u>
Rents received	1,385.00	
Net expense	\$2,953.40	

North End Union.

Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Rents received	1,196.94	
		<u>\$5,803.06</u>
Net expense	\$5,803.06	

Italian Work at North End Union.

Expenses account salary of agent	1,200.00
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Channing Church.

Expenses	2,000.00
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Bulfinch Place Church.

Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Home contribution	300.00	
		<u>\$5,200.00</u>
Net expense	\$5,200.00	
Carried forward	\$20,038.40	

Brought forward\$20,038.40

Church of the Messiah.

Expenses account of salary of minister..... 300.00

Revere Unitarian Society.

Expenses account of salary of minister..... 100.00

Administrative expenses 773.59

Examination of treasurer's books 25.00

Care and repair of buildings 1,021.04

Insurance 434.25

Printing annual report and mailing 105.00

\$22,797.28

Expenditures\$22,797.28

Receipts 22,667.12

Deficit \$130.16

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Arlington Street Church \$1,642.25

King's Chapel 813.00

South Congregational Church 800.00

First Church in Boston 500.00

Second Church in Boston 400.00

First Parish, Brookline 75.00

Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church..... 45.25

Church of the Disciples 37.00

All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury 30.00

First Parish, Dorchester 25.00

Winchester Unitarian Society 25.00

First Congregational Parish, Arlington 25.00

First Parish and First Church in Cambridge..... 25.00

First Congregational Church, Jamaica Plain..... 15.00

First Parish, West Roxbury 15.00

Church of the Unity, Neponset 10.00

Third Religious Society, Dorchester 10.00

Social Service Council Unitarian Women..... 10.00

\$4,502.50

FRIENDS.

Mrs. Otis Norcross \$100.00

J. Randolph Coolidge 25.00

Henry C. Robbins 20.00

\$145.00

Fruit and Flower Mission.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$237.87
Contributions received through year.....	107.04
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	\$344.91
Expenditures	153.00
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Surplus	\$191.91

North End Union Building Account.

Gifts from friends towards re-building	\$18,721.76
Proceeds of fire insurance on furniture.....	998.50
Proceeds of fire insurance on building	9,256.00
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	\$28,976.26

Expenditures:

Account furniture insurance	\$78.48	
Account building insurance	1,136.87	\$1,215.35
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Balance on hand		\$27,760.91

We have also received on account of the bequest of Calanthe E. Marsh cash and securities to the amount of.....\$13,272

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1916, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEORGE S. CHASE, C. P. A.,
Auditor.

Boston, May 8, 1916.

The following special funds have from time to time been given by individuals or corporations to the Fraternity:

The Cyrus A. Bartol Fund

From the Church in Brattle Square:

The Charity Fund

The Mary Russell Dexter Fund

The Memorial Fund

The Parsonage Fund

The Harriet Louisa Brown Fund
The Church of the Unity Fund
The David H. Coolidge Fund
The Martha Clapp Fund
The John H. Eastburn Fund
The Helen L. Edmands Fund
The Charles Faulkner Fund
The Charlotte E. Fellows Fund
The Thomas Gaffield Fund
The John C. Haynes Fund
The Henry P. Kidder Fund
The Anaretta T. Leighton Fund
The Calanthe E. Marsh Fund
The Charles Merriam Fund
The New South Church Fund
The Sarah E. Potter Fund
The Nancy E. Rust Fund
The Samuel E. Sawyer Fund
The Benjamin Sweetser Fund
The Seth K. Sweetser Fund
The Quincy Tufts Fund
The Ann White Vose Fund
The Robert C. Waterston Fund
From the West Boston Society:
 The Aged Poor Fund
 The Derby Fund
The Catherine H. Wild Fund
The Jeannie Winkley Fund
The Samuel H. Winkley Fund
Permanent Fund Subscriptions

REPORT OF THE
Bulfinch Place Church
Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square.

1915-1916.

The year's work at Bulfinch Place Church has followed the usual lines described in previous reports, with one or two exceptions indicated below.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Howard Sunday School has had a successful year. It numbers 175 pupils and teachers. A special meeting of parents and teachers was successfully held in January. This was to bring about closer co-operation between the School and the home. Three times during the year the Sunday School and the congregation met together for services in the church. Easter was celebrated by a special service. A Sunday School Chorus was developed during the year and sang on three of these Sundays. At Christmas there was a Christmas Tree, the School giving up, by vote, its Ice Cream, Cake and Candy in order to send fifty dollars to the Belgian children. Other contributions were as follows: Children's Mission, \$130.00; Children's Mission (Special) \$22.40.

The ninetieth anniversary of the Sunday School falls on Sunday, December 10, this year, and it is proposed to celebrate this event in some fitting way.

CHURCH SERVICES.

These are held regularly on Sunday afternoons at 3.15 o'clock. The congregations are not large but represent a much larger constituency, widely scattered and ministered to in various ways.

Three times a year church suppers are held, with devotional services following. Communion Services are

held on the first Sunday of every month from October to June, inclusive. A week of Special Services was observed in March. Members of the Sunday School and Congregation are encouraged to unite with the church in regular membership.

In November the Congregation contributed \$50.00 towards the fund for the churches in the Canadian Northwest, and in March, in response to a special appeal, our usual gift to the A. U. A. was trebled, making it \$31.00 this year.

The problem of an evening service is a difficult one. "Pleasant Sunday Evenings," with music, good speakers and light refreshments, were held part of each winter for three years, with considerable success. Not proving wholly satisfactory, however, the plan was changed last winter and the "Bulfinch Place Forum" was tried. Fifteen meetings were held, with music, speakers upon Social Problems, and no refreshments. A half hour of questions followed each address. We had the cordial approval of the Ford Hall Forum.

THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE.

With a membership of 71, meetings have been held twice a month, addressed by the members themselves or outside speakers. Two evening meetings were held, both very successful, and one Neighborhood Meeting at which other Branches were represented by about a hundred delegates. A very successful Fair was held in February netting over \$450.00. Of this about half was used for church expenses and the rest for Alliance work of various kinds; including contributions to the American Unitarian Association, and the Sunday School Society. As usual, the Alliance helped in furnishing the luncheons at our church during Anniversary Week. As its special gift towards the Endowment Fund of the central Alliance it raised \$100.00.

THE WINKLEY GUILD.

This is the Young People's Society, numbering about 40. It meets twice a month, once on Sunday for a religi-

ous meeting, and once on a week-day evening for business and sociability. It contributed \$17.00 for the Boston Federation of Young People and under its auspices \$46.00 was raised for the Star Island Fund by a course of Stereopticon Talks. Its annual entertainment consisted this year of two short plays and was a great success.

THE ELIOT CIRCLE.

A women's Lend a Hand Club, with a membership of over 150, meeting once a month, the Eliot Circle does a great many useful things for the church, people outside, and its own members. It gave a Christmas Party, a Valentine Party and a Play last year. It raises its funds by a biennial Fair or in similar ways. Its meetings are always helpful and every month sees something done to "lend a hand." Its chief interest is the Charlotte Home at North Andover, described below, but substantial aid has been rendered to the Cape Ann Home for Aged Fishermen, the Colored School at Mayesville, S. C., the Children at Cape Neddick and the Soldiers in the trenches.

OTHER LEND A HAND CLUBS.

There are eight other clubs as follows: The John Howard, the Mildred Ellis, the Red Shield, the May Club, the Abraham Lincoln, the Hale Club, the Comfort Carriers, the Frances S. Merrill, and the Elizabeth S. Emmons. Most of these are composed of Sunday School scholars and almost all are active. Each club has its own officers, holds its own meetings and raises its own money, but there is a President and a General Secretary who have the interests of all at heart.

LECTURES.

Four stereopticon lectures and one without pictures were given in the months of November and December.

Three Picture Talks were given for the benefit of the Star Island Fund.

THE GYMNASIUM.

Two evenings and two afternoons every week, from Oct. 1 to April 1, the gymnasium has been used by the

West End House for its members, the House paying its own instructor and making a contribution to the church to cover heating, lighting and janitor service. We were glad to render this friendly service to our Jewish neighbors again.

Twice a week the young men of the Tremont Temple Brotherhood had the same privilege, another pleasant extension of our fellowship which was greatly appreciated.

Our own young people are planning to use the gymnasium this winter for social purposes, with dancing.

BULFINCH PLACE TEMPERANCE UNION.

By meetings three or four times a year with invited speakers, and by its committees on Temperance, Good Citizenship, and Neighborhood Improvement, this Union keeps these ideals before the various organizations of the church.

SATURDAY CLASSES AND EVENINGS FOR BOYS.

The Sphinx Club having given up its Saturday Classes, they were taken over by ourselves, but very late in the year.

The Saturday Evenings were a distinct success. On account of their popularity it was necessary to use the large Sunday School room. The attendance has been between seventy and eighty, and more on story-telling evenings. Games, music, a stamp savings bank, chorus singing, and the stories once a month, by Mr. and Mrs. John Cronin, make the programme, but the friendly welcome is in itself an influence for good.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR.

On Monday afternoons, the hour from 4 to 5 is devoted to the little children of the immediate neighborhood. Miss Jones leads them in games, friendly talks, stories and songs. Sometimes there are as many as twenty-five present.

THE CHARLOTTE HOME.

Conducted under the auspices of the Eliot Circle and in close cooperation with the church, this Vacation House has proved itself a wonderful blessing. Miss Stokes is in charge from June 1 to Sept. 1, and usually has a family of twenty to twenty-five to entertain. These are women, older or younger, and some children, all needing a quiet rest and a good time. The House, with complete furnishings, is contributed by the family of the late Mrs. Stevens, and certain overhead charges are met by the church. Any one who could visit our family in July or August, or read their letters, would be more than satisfied with the results. Over a hundred guests were received last summer. To Mrs. John Tyler and Mr. Moses Stevens representing their family, we give our hearty thanks.

INSTRUCTIVE DISTRICT NURSES ASSOCIATION.

This Association still makes our church its headquarters for the North and West Ends. One of our best rooms is used daily for this purpose from 9 to 5 o'clock. Eleven nurses are coming and going all the time and we are glad to cooperate with them in every possible way, and they with us. The Association makes a contribution of \$150 annually to meet the extra cost of heating, lighting and janitor service.

THE FLOWER MISSION.

The Benevolent Fraternity Flower Mission meets at our church once a week on Fridays during the season. Flowers are received on two other days from the Mutual Helpers Flower Mission and distributed by our own workers.

SUMMER WORK.

In addition to the Vacation House already referred to, Day Outings and short vacations are given to as many children and adults as our means will allow. About 140 were taken for Day-Outings this year and 27 for vacations of about two weeks each.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

The North End Union

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

On the morning of Dec. 8 a fire occurred in the attic of the North End Union building. While the damage by fire was relatively small, the damage incidental to fighting the fire and the vast quantity of water used rendered the rear part of the building uninhabitable.

By making minor repairs the gymnasium and the front rooms were made temporarily available, so that the work was continued in an abbreviated way.

The question of repairing the old building or putting up a new one was carefully considered. The old building was inadequate, inconvenient and unsatisfactory, and it was finally decided to put up a new one which was begun the latter part of June.

CHILDREN'S HOUSE REPORT.

By Mary P. Ingalls, Head Resident Worker.

On account of my illness, the winter's work has practically all been done by Miss Bishop and Miss Bidwell, and in their hands the work did not suffer.

This year's girls' camp was more satisfactory than last. With the first year's experience behind us we were able to add some features which made it pleasanter and eliminate others which were disagreeable.

In the sewing and dress-making classes the attendance has been so great as sorely to tax the resources of the house.

On Saturday morning house-keeping was taught to a class of small girls by means of a furnished dolls' house. At their own suggestion it was called the "Hubbard House." The class was in charge of two young ladies from Miss Wheelock's School.

On Wednesday afternoons two young ladies from the same school had charge of a class of children from five to seven years of age, with games. It had a membership of about 30 and throughout the term the attendance was regular.

Mr. Gallozzi has been greatly pleased with the two glee clubs. Both have made commendable progress.

The requests for piano instruction were so numerous that there was soon a waiting list. Miss Fredericks deserves great credit for the management of this department.

Not only has the number of clubs increased but their membership as well. One new club which should be mentioned met Saturday nights and was composed of girls from 16 to 18 years of age. The principal interest of the clubs this year has been the preparation of articles to be sold at a fair in the interest of the camp.

The mother's meetings this year began in January. At that time a plan was formed and adopted to have lantern slides every other week. We have tried to make them instructive as well as entertaining by showing pictures illustrating the size and growth of the United States. The attendance was very satisfactory, and all seemed to take a great interest in what was told them by Mr. Malgeri who interpreted.

In analyzing the work of the past year it seems to

me that the most important result is a welding together of the diverse elements which gather at the Children's House into a solid and compact whole. This has come to be known as the "House Association."

Of all the several factors which have aided in the growth of the House spirit, I cannot help feeling that the camp is one of the most important. There officers and children mingle on the same footing, with pleasures shared in common, and with the feeling of intimacy which these things engender.

REPORT OF BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Irving E. Stowe, Assistant Superintendent.

The interruption to our work caused by the fire, was only temporary, for, by eliminating some classes and re-adjusting others, we were able to resume work within a few days. The catastrophe had its bright side for it served to bring out the latent loyalty in both Club and Union members. Some of the Clubs have subscribed to the building-fund of the North End Union, and this without suggestion of any kind from outside sources, and in amounts ranging from eighty-five cents to five dollars. On the Friday before the fire, the Columbia Club voted to have a party and set aside five dollars for that purpose. At the next meeting following the fire, it was voted to abandon the party and give the five dollars which had been appropriated, to the building-fund of the North End Union. By so doing, they had the honor to become the first subscribers.

During the summer small groups of boys were taken down the harbor two or three times each week. After a day of bathing, fishing and base-ball, the boys would return, tired but happy. These trips were made possible through the kindness of Mr. Joseph Rossetti, one of our members, who lent his motor-boat for that purpose. Another innovation was a trip to the Boston Art Museum where seventy children were told stories illustrated by the pictures and statuary. The rest of the summer work consisted of trips into the country around Boston, and the distribution of flowers to the families connected with the North End Union. These flowers came through the medium of the Mutual Helpers Flower Mission.

A drawing-class was begun in February under the direction of Mr. Hogner of the Boston Art Museum School, who proved himself to be a most efficient teacher.

At about the same time a class in Camp Cooking began, for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. This class was well attended.

In February also a Glee Club was formed. This had a membership of nine with Mr. Gallozzi as leader and was more successful than that of last year because only apt pupils were allowed in the class. Mr. Gallozzi was very well satisfied with the result.

Beginning in February a class in Story-Telling met in the afternoon under the leadership of Mr. Beebe-Center of Harvard University. It was composed of boys from nine to thirteen years of age, all of whom showed their great interest by constant attendance.

The Dancing-Class this year was even more successful than usual. Miss Braddock proved to be a very able teacher and held the loyalty of her class throughout the term.

The Boy Scouts have almost doubled their membership and in March, formed a second troop. During August of last year, Troop eight went into camp in the Blue Hills and spent two weeks in drill and other field work of the Boy Scouts.

The Mazzini Club has increased its membership to about thirty-five young men in good standing. Throughout the year an attempt has been made to have talks on important subjects by prominent men. These were open not only to members, but to outsiders as well.

Thanks are due the Phillips Brooks House Association, through Mr. Tibbetts the Secretary, for their care in selecting supervisors for the Clubs.

The North End Union is very grateful to all those who have in any way furthered its work.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL OF UNITARIAN WOMEN ITALIAN COMMITTEE.

Mrs. George H. Root, President; Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord.

Because of the fire in the North End Union early in December, the Adult Italian work has been handicapped during the year.

The Mothers' Meetings have continued in the Children's House and the Social Service work in connection with the hospitals. The teaching of Italian by Mr. Malgeri has included some of the workers on the Floating Hospital. The classes for teaching English were held at Bulfinch Place Church, for which the Committee thanks the Reverend Christopher R. Eliot.

Expecting the new building to provide new opportunities for aiding the Fraternity to help the New Americans is the vision of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women.

STELLA R. ROOT, Chairman.

REPORT OF ITALIAN WORK.

By Frances P. Malgeri.

We had, in the past year, more individual cases than before, in which our moral and material assistance was requested and tendered. It is not possible to present here, in a brief report, all cases and circumstances, nor our various efforts to settle them in the best way. Even if I could and would do so, it should not be advisable, nor permissible to expose private and delicate matters concerning familiar life of our neighbors. I submit a weekly report, with all details for each case, to the Council for Social Work.

Our evening classes have been continued, as before, after an interruption of about a month, at the Bulfinch Place Church building. Attendance, of course, was smaller in the new place, but we had, constantly, from 10 to 15 pupils. We tried to bring in more efficiency, in compensation for the reduction in number, and we started special groups for the study of arithmetic, geography and history, for pupils who have been deficient in such matters at the public evening schools.

Instruction in Italian has been given to our Dr. Stowe, to a social worker in East Boston, to a visitor of the Overseers office, to some Nurses of Bulfinch Place, and East Boston, and to two nurses and a doctor of the Boston Floating Hospital. Recently a new class was opened for employees of the City Board of Health. Evening classes and special classes in Italian will be continued during Summer, as we did last year.

We had, this year, 3 Italian Balls and a few meetings

for Italian mothers. Mothers' meetings were, relatively, well attended. The illustrated talks, which we gave, were much appreciated by mothers.

Those activities made possible for me the continuance of other features of the work, and the establishment of new ones. The absence of our Miss Ingalls was a tremendous loss for us.

Italian lessons to the people of the Floating Hospital brought the arrangement which I made to go, occasionally, on the boat, during the Summer, which was, I think, of service to Italian mothers and sick babies.

From keeping classes at the Bulfinch Place I could get closer relations with people there. Never before was there any attempt at Italian work in that section of the city. This year we had a meeting of Italian mothers, which may be considered as a good start for a possible future work.

Outside of the Union I had the opportunity to investigate, in cooperation with the State Board of Health, various cases of infectious anthrax occurring in Winchester and Woburn. In Winchester I conducted a class in civics, maintained by the Town. I have been requested for addresses to Italians in Winchester, Natick, and in a public school in Boston. My assistance has been requested for various cases out of Boston, as far as Malden, Woburn, Revere, Swampscott, Providence, etc.

At the close of another year of work, I think, I may consider it as satisfying to my conscience. If, under the existing circumstances, I did no more, and no better, it was, from my part, for lack of facilities, not of unwillingness.

Channing Church

Dorchester Avenue and E. Cottage St., Dorchester.

This sixteenth report for Channing Church covers also the fifth year of the present pastorate. A brief review may be of use. No Church or minister, looking back, is wholly satisfied. Yet, on the whole, this review gives legitimate ground for encouragement. In spite of every obstacle we have moved steadily forward.

From an average weekly attendance in the Sunday School of 57, we have climbed to 78 with a record enrollment of 100. From memberships of 24 in the Men's Club and 30 in the Alliance, we have moved up to 47 in both. From an average morning attendance at Church of 57, we have grown to 73. The few sparsely attended Sunday evening meetings of 1913 and before grew, in the next year, to nine meetings with an average attendance of 96 and in 1915 to eight meetings with 133! The Guild is still a lively organization; but we have added two Camp Fires and one Nest of Blue Birds for the girls and a Boy Scout Troop that has won distinction in Boston District No. 2, for the boys. Similarly in finance. Sixty-four regular subscribers have increased to 76 and Fairs that netted \$250 or under have now given us \$400 or more. In Church membership we have received publicly 44 who had never signed the Covenant before and 22 children have been brought for dedication.

So in spite of all obstacles we have moved forward. That shows life and interest! It points the way ahead!

Three unusual events of the past year might well be mentioned. First was the experiment of Children's Vesper Services, which were held on the Sundays from October to March. The idea was to have one place where the children of the parish might conduct their own meetings and express their own thoughts. Each Sunday one conducted the meeting, another played for the singing, another contributed a solo, while all gave favorite Bible

verses or asked for familiar songs. Attendance ran from 6 on a very bad day to 38, the largest number. Only children were invited and the experiment was very successful.

Memorial Sunday was a banner day. Each year we have made much of it with guests, special features and large congregations. This year the Benj. Stone Jr. Grand Army Post, with all its allied organizations honored us with their presence. It was a very touching and inspiring hour with a capacity congregation.

The Boy Scout Rally of Boston District No. 2 was conducted by our Scout boys on Child Labor Sunday. Two hundred and seventy-five Scouts participated,—were addressed by State officers in the afternoon, lunched together in the Gymnasium and in the evening held a public meeting that was unique. Every seat and inch of room was taken.

Besides this, active work has been carried on by the School, the Alliance, the Men's Club and the Guild,—each having its special events and the first two reporting this their best year so far! The Harvest Supper meeting, the Christmas season activities, the Flower Sunday and the annual picnic were never better enjoyed or carried out. The first Sunday on the calendar year was made into Fellowship Sunday this year with very happy results and eight publicly joining the Church. As last year, so again the School sent its delegate to the Religious Education meetings at Star Island accompanied by six other members. Altogether 14 people united with the Church during the season and six children were dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PHELPS WELLMAN, Minister.

Parker Memorial

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

Parker Memorial has been used much more during the past year than during any other year of its existence in so far as any available records show.

The work may be divided into three parts namely, pay classes which consist of Millinery, Dressmaking, Dancing, Music and Cooking. In this department there were 457 registrations during this year. The work has been most excellent. The Exhibition at the closing of the year was pronounced by those who have seen many as one of the best, if not the best, that Parker Memorial has thus far made. The teachers and director have worked hard and satisfactory results are due to the interest and intelligence which they have shown, together with the enthusiasm and faithfulness of the students.

A new free dancing class for little children living very near to Parker Memorial has been kept up throughout the year and has been most gratifying. The object

of this class was to reach people in the immediate neighborhood of Parker Memorial. As a result of this class and a new effort made to get neighborhood boys in, we had at the exhibition more than three times as many people from this neighborhood as we have ever had before.

The second classification is that of Boys' Work, which includes three troops of scouts, three classes in wood working, three gymnasium classes and fifteen boys' clubs. In the above mentioned there are 362 boys registered. Average daily attendance during the working months has been 84, making a total of 13983 attendances for boys during the working year.

The third classification is the uses of the halls. These two halls have been used 242 times for free and paid use. A fair sample of the free uses are such things as the affairs of the South End Improvement Association, the Lend-a-Hand rehearsals and entertainments, the Inter-settlement Supper, Boy Scouts entertainments, girls' gymnasium and dancing classes and neighborhood social dances and dancing classes.

The paid uses of the two halls together with the rental of \$20 a month from the Associated Charities, boys' dues amounting to approximately \$150 and receipts from the paying classes constitute the home income.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

The Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission closed its 47th season October 1st, 1916.

There has been a general increase of interest in the work and many new contributors as well as volunteer workers have been secured.

The flowers continued in profusion through September, and we had the advantage of receiving an unusual number of fruits and vegetables.

Large boxes of candy were given each week by Mr. Walker and special mention should be made of the very generous donations of eggs, fruits and sugar received from Miss Annie Richards. To those contributors who added fruit, vegetables, canned goods, pine pillows, etc., to their flowers we are more than grateful.

Our new visitors brought new "cases" and we were glad to add 53 names on our list which makes, with those of last year, 103 people benefited by the work.

I wish space permitted to mention some of the very interesting people we come in contact with—the delightful experiences we meet and the universal gratitude of those to whom we bring the gladness of the flowers.

Our thanks are again due the Railroad Officials who so kindly ordered our baskets transported free of charge and also to the trainmen who so faithfully did the actual work.

The expressman who has collected the flowers from the stations for so many years, died in the spring, and we were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. William Greene who with his assistant gave such personal interest to our work, that we were always sure of getting our baskets carefully handled and on time.

We are very grateful to the newspapers for all the publicity they gave us—and especially to Mrs. Bowles for her unfailing interest shown through the "Transcript."



The following are the names of those who gave their services at different times during the summer.

Mrs. E. G. Walker, Mrs. Caroline Remich, Miss Min-dora Kennedy, Miss Florence Harris, Miss F. M. Manchester, Mrs. A. L. Todd, Mrs. Wm. Robinson, Miss Olive Moulton, Miss Mary Wetherell, Mrs. Ralph Hinton, Mrs. E. G. Shepard, Miss Dodsworth, Miss Susan Dodsworth, Miss M. B. Brown, Mrs. W. H. Alline, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Henry Wiggin, Mrs. Doan, Mrs. Agnes Poor, Miss Costello, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Lulu Richardson, Miss Cochrane.

Mrs. C. D. Kepner, Mrs. N. S. Higgins, Miss Lyons, Miss Keith and Miss Carson from Newtonville. Mrs. R. E. Kingsbury and three members of her committee from Walpole, and Miss Alice Lincoln from Medford, came to headquarters for the first time to help distribute though they had contributed for many years.

Contributions were received from these cities and towns, in some cases large groups working together, in others individuals: Arlington, Abington, Boston, Beverly, Beverly Farms, Brookline, Canton, Cambridge, Dedham, Falmouth, Hamilton, Milton, East Milton, Marblehead, West Manchester, Newtonville, Newton, West Newton, Newton Centre, Northboro, Pigeon Cove, Park St., Shirley, Somerville, Stoneham, Walpole, Weston, Waverley, Wellesley, and the young boys in Wayland sent their baskets as usual.

There were four contributions received from outside the State two each from Maine and New Hampshire.

One or more large baskets of flowers were sent to the following places where they held neighborhood contributions:—

District Nurses South and West Ends, South End Day Nursery, Morgan Memorial, Hale House, Robert Gould Shaw House, St. Stephens Playground, Animal Rescue League, Ellis Memorial, Hawthorne Club, St. Monica's Home, Roxbury Neighborhood House, Men at Fire Station, Elizabeth Peabody House, Willard Settlement, Charlesbank Playground, Sunny Side Day Nursery, North End Union, Seaman's Friend Society, Bunker Hill Boys' Club, Home for Aged Colored Women, Trainmen at North and South Terminals, Women Workers in two hotels,

two shops and one laundry, with daily distributions at the door to the children of the neighborhoods. The work this year was under the direction of Mrs. Grant William Nowell, Chairman; Mrs. Geo. H. Root, Wm. P. Fowler, Treasurer.

The need was felt of keeping up the work on a small scale during the winter, and the Directors have decided to continue it using Barnard Memorial, 10 Warrenton St., as winter headquarters, where donations can be sent at any time addressed "Fruit and Flower Mission" and the Chairman of the Committee will see to their distribution. Fruit, vegetables, canned goods, jellies, sugar, groceries of all kinds and eggs will be most welcome. The Thanksgiving Distribution will be held at Parker Memorial.

MRS. GRANT WM. NOWELL, Chairman.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation established by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of _____ dollars.

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The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional member for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held in the second week of November, January and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

Annual Report of the Board of Directors

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF UNITARIAN CHURCHES.

The past year has brought many problems to solve; changes in the personnel of the head-workers at several of the Fraternity's branches, inadequate housing for the North End Union, the fostering of new undertakings and a financial situation which left at the end of the fiscal year a deficit of about \$2000. Nevertheless the religious, missionary and social service work which the Fraternity aims to do has been carried on with no lessening of activity or zeal by those to whom its management is entrusted.

Mrs. Charles E. Lincoln was obliged to give up the work of conducting the Fruit and Flower Mission on account of serious illness in her family, Mrs. Grant W. Nowell was selected as her successor and has been carrying on the work successfully the past year. Mrs. Nowell inaugurated an all-the-year round service for the Fruit and Flower Mission distributing jellies, preserves and fruit during the winter months. The excellent way in which Mrs. Lincoln had managed the Fruit and Flower Mission was greatly appreciated by the directors and they wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging their indebtedness to her for her faithfulness and generosity in the giving of her time and thought to this important part of the Fraternity's work.

The North End Union although handicapped by lack of proper housing facilities managed to accomplish much and carried on most of its activities. Early last fall, Miss Ingalls who has done such good work among the girls coming to the Union was obliged to resign on account of ill health and Mrs. Grace Tebutts was chosen to take her place.

Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard completed twenty-five years service as head of the North End Union last January and in recognition of his unusually successful conduct of this branch of the Fraternity, the directors have named the main hall in the new North End Union building "Hubbard Hall." Through the generosity of friends of the Union, which included many of those who in their

earlier years had been enrolled as members of its classes and clubs a purse amounting to \$1136 was presented to Mr. Hubbard on New Year's Day 1917.

In May 1917 Mr. Hubbard tendered his resignation as superintendent of the North End Union. This resignation was accepted with regret to take place October 1st, 1917 and Mr. Charles F. Ernst has been elected as his successor. Mr. Hubbard has been given the title of Superintendent Emeritus of the North End Union and although he has relinquished his duties as active head of the institution, under this arrangement we are to have the benefit of his counsel and advice.

Work on the new North End Union building is progressing favorably and it will be occupied in the fall. Nearly \$35,000 has been raised through the generosity of friends, a bazaar at the Copley-Plaza Hotel and contributions taken at the churches, particularly from the Arlington Street and First Churches of Boston to defray its cost. About \$8000 will be needed to pay the bills to complete the structure.

At Channing Church, Dorchester, there has been a change of ministers. Rev. Charles P. Wellman vacated the pulpit in November and was succeeded by the Rev. Samuel C. Beane, Jr., in December. Renewed interest and activity in all the organizations and in the services has resulted from this change and the promise of continued success seems assured.

An enterprise launched last year; religious work among the new Americans has been carried on with varying results. At Bulfinch Place Church the most successful work has been accomplished under Mr. Tagliatela's direction among the Italians. Mr. Roy Dendon, with the assistance of Miss Lillibridge has conducted a mission for the Syrians at No. 82 Tyler Street, Boston. The Fraternity has had the co-operation of Barnard Memorial in this work among the foreign born and it has contributed the use of its building, as well as giving financial aid to the undertaking.

As regards membership in our organization. We have welcomed to our ranks the East Boston Unitarian Society and have lost through its resignation, the Church of the Unity at Neponset.

N. Winthrop Robinson, Secretary.

Report of the Treasurer

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian
Churches for the Year Ending May 1st, 1917.

INCOME

Rents	\$1,991.29
Income from investments	16,112.96
Contributions from friends	25.00
Contributions from churches and organizations	4,595.96
Contributions from Bulfinch Place Church	300.00
	<u>\$23,025.21</u>

EXPENDITURES

Parker Memorial

Expenses	\$4,500.00	
City of Boston, 1916 taxes	334.64	
	<u>\$4,834.64</u>	\$4,834.64
Rents received	1,391.29	
Net expense	\$3,443.35	

North End Union

Expenses	\$6,700.00	6,700.00
Rents received	600.00	
	<u>\$6,100.00</u>	
Net expense	\$6,100.00	

Italian Work at North End Union

Expenses account salary of agent	1,200.00
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Channing Church

Expenses	2,129.55
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Bulfinch Place Church

Expenses	\$6,000.00	6,000.00
Home contribution	300.00	
	<u>\$5,700.00</u>	
Net expense	\$5,700.00	
Carried forward	\$20,864.19	

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Brought forward	\$20,864.19
Italian Work, Barnard Memorial	
Expenses	1,000.00
Committee on New Americans	
Expenses	178.45
Revere Unitarian Society	
Expenses account salary of minister	100.00
Administrative expenses	795.50
Examination of treasurer's books	25.00
Insurance	650.28
Care and repair of buildings	1,582.51
Printing annual report	100.00
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	\$25,295.93
Expenditures	\$25,295.93
Receipts	23,025.21
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	\$2,270.72
Gain on securities sold.....	34.54
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Deficit	\$2,236.18

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Arlington Street Church	\$1,528.54
King's Chapel	763.00
First Church in Boston	550.00
South Congregational Church	500.00
Second Church in Boston	500.00
First Parish, Brookline	486.00
First Parish, Dorchester	50.00
All Soul's Unitarian Church, Roxbury	35.00
Church of the Disciples	32.00
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	28.67
First Parish and First Church in Cambridge	25.00
Church of Our Father, East Boston	25.00
First Congregational Parish, Arlington	22.75
First Parish, West Roxbury	20.00
Winchester Unitarian Society	10.00
Church of the Unity, Neponset	10.00
Social Service Council Unitarian Women	10.00
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	\$4,595.96

FRIENDS

J. Randolph Coolidge	\$ 25.00
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Fruit and Flower Mission

Unexpended balance from last year	\$191.91
Contributions through year	165.00
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	\$356.91
Expenditures	351.56
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Surplus	\$ 5.35

Sunday School Canvass

Salary of Ethel V. Lillibridge	\$175.00
Contributions from King's Chapel	175.00

North End Union Rebuilding Account

Gifts from friends, interest on deposits in bank and proceeds of fire insurance	\$39,348.86
Expenses to date	35,850.11
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Balance on hand	\$ 3,498.75

North End Union Furniture Fire Fund

Balance of insurance on hand	\$ 920.02
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We have also received as a bequest under the will of
Rebecca B. Warren \$ 5,000.00

I have examined the accounts of William P. Fowler, treasurer of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches, showing the amounts expended and vouchers received therefor for the year ending May 1st, 1917, verifying the investments and amount of cash on hand, and have found them correct. I have examined the securities representing the investments and have found them all on hand with proper coupons attached, and I hereby certify that the above statements are correct.

GEO. S. CHASE, C. P. A., Auditor

Boston, May 7, 1917.

REPORT OF THE .
Bulfinch Place Church
Bulfinch Place, Near Bowdoin Square

1917-1918.

Although the regular work of a Church and Sunday School, with their associated activities, is very much the same from year to year, there are always certain events, or phases of the work, which stand out more prominently in any given year and serve to characterize the work in general. Without attempting to give a comprehensive report, therefore, this year, or to cover what has been many times described in previous reports, I shall speak of those things which seem to feature the work of the past year or to distinguish it in some way from others.

1. **Our Faith.** This means that a special emphasis has been placed upon the religious life viewed from the liberal, Unitarian standpoint, and with the definite purpose of enlightening our people and strengthening the foundations of their spiritual life. The impulse in this direction came from the Revival Meetings carried on in Boston during the winter and reaching out into the surrounding cities and towns from which so large a proportion of our own parishioners come. It was fitting, and indeed important, to use this opportunity, not to criticize or antagonize those whose beliefs differ from ours, but to steady and deepen our own. This we undertook to accomplish by special Sunday School lessons, a series of Sunday evening sermons by leading ministers, the Study Class of the Women's Alliance, and by encouraging as many of our people as possible to become members of our church.

The Sunday School studied the little book issued some years ago by the Sunday School Society, entitled "Our Faith," based upon the five points of Unitarian belief as set forth by Rev. James Freeman Clarke. This continued from October to April, awakening much interest and giving to many of our young people, as well as those older, a new insight into the liberal gospel. The

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frequent use of stereopticon pictures proved a great help, and, as the year drew toward its close, several Sundays were devoted to the study of our leading Unitarian churches in Boston—King's Chapel, Arlington Street, The First Church, Boston, and the Church in Plymouth; and on one Sunday, "The Unitarian Headquarters at 25 Beacon St." All of these were illustrated with stereopticon views and served an excellent purpose by associating "Our Faith" with certain well known landmarks and their history.

The Evening Services ran from November 19 to January 28, including a special Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve and leading up to the great meeting at Symphony Hall on Feb. 4. The general subject was "Unitarian Principles and Beliefs." The preachers were as follows: Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D., Rev. Frederic W. Perkins, Rev. W. W. Fenn, D.D., Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, Rev. A. M. Rihbany, Rev. Oscar B. Hawes, Rev. Alfred R. Hussey, Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, D.D., Rev. Abbot Peterson, and Rev. Charles E. Park. The attendance was good, averaging about one hundred. On Christmas Eve the Candlelight Service was a delightful success. A light supper was served at six o'clock by our Young People's Guild, to which the Disciples Guild and others, about one hundred in all, had been invited. After the supper, candles were distributed and the procession entered the church, now filled with people. Without other light a brief but impressive service, with several Christmas hymns, was conducted by the minister, after which the two Guilds went through parts of the West End singing Carols.

The Women's Alliance planned its winter topics to match those of the Sunday School and Evening Sermons, studying the development of Unitarianism in Europe and America, with addresses by visiting ministers upon the central doctrines of our church. Two evening meetings were held and one for Neighborhood Alliances at which there was an attendance of about two hundred.

Preceding Easter several meetings of the young people of the Sunday School were held to consider the subject of the Church and Church Membership. These and the special emphasis upon Our Faith during the year resulted in the addition of twenty-three new members to

the church. The welcome was extended at the Easter Service.

As another influence to stimulate interest in the church and to encourage regular attendance upon its Services has been the appointment of a "Committee of Twenty-Five" to make plans looking to such results. Under the auspices of this Committee a "Going-to-Church Sunday" was advertised for Feb. 25, following the lead of the Massachusetts Federation of Churches, and successfully carried through. The Committee also arranged four Neighborhood Meetings on week day evenings at the residences of friends in Everett, Somerville and Cambridge. These fulfilled a good purpose both religiously and socially.

2. **Sunday School Anniversary.** On Sunday, December 10, the Ninetieth Anniversary of the Howard Sunday School was fittingly observed both in the Sunday school room and in the church. The church was filled with the present and former members. Many beautiful flowers had been sent in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Winkley, Miss Fanny Merrill and other friends. Our parish paper, issued that day, gave pictures of Friend Street Chapel, Pitts Street Chapel and the present church, with brief historical notes. A special programme had been printed with anniversary hymns used on former occasions, one by Lewis G. Pray and another by Rev. John Pierpont. Addresses were made by Rev. Sydney B. Snow, President of the Benevolent Fraternity, and Rev. Louis C. Cornish, representing the American Unitarian Association. The Sunday School was represented by Mr. Hobart W. Winkley, Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, a former pupil and teacher, and the Superintendent (Rev. C. R. Eliot), who gave an historical sketch of the School. The afternoon closed with a Responsive Service of Reconsecration. Taking everything together, it was an occasion thoroughly worthy of the best traditions of the Howard Sunday School and one full of encouragement for its future.

Other special Sundays observed by the Sunday School were Harvest and Home Coming Sunday in October, Christmas, Memorial Sunday, and Children's Sunday in June. As always, the emphasis has been placed not so much upon what we hope to receive as upon what we

can give. Thus at the Harvest Festival the classes bring baskets of fruit and vegetables to be used for decoration and then given away; and at Christmas some sacrifice is made, to help others, this year the Belgian children, Dr. Grenfell's work, and, as usual, the Children's Mission. At the Flower Service the same idea is carried out by gifts of flowers which the children bring and offer as a part of the Service. Throughout the year, by its Lend-a-Hand work and Children's Mission offerings, the School seeks to provide "channels for the streams of love." The Winkley Guild raised Fifty Dollars for the Y. P. R. U. Fund.

Two very interesting and helpful meetings of parents and teachers have been held. Though not largely attended, about thirty-five being present each time, the interest, shown by questions and suggestions, was strong and hopeful.

During the Summer recess we kept in touch with the teachers and pupils by letter, personal calls, or by special cards sent to all two or three times.

3. **Relief Work.** The war, with its many problems, has brought us, even with our limited means, opportunities for service which we have been glad to embrace.

In April a large flag was presented to the church and hung, for the first time, on April 15, over the front door, after appropriate reference to its new and larger significance, namely, not only for our own country but for international freedom, justice and good-will.

In the Sunday School a session was devoted to the "History and Work of the Red Cross," and during April, May and June, meetings of the Alliance, Eliot Circle, and others, were held once a week, ten meetings in all, to sew for the Hospitals and to encourage home work as well. A collection was taken to help the Red Cross Fund amounting to thirty-two dollars not including certain larger, individual gifts. Previous to this, a gift of money from the Sunday School was sent to the Belgians and \$20.73 from a church collection for the Syrians; and again about \$60 for the Y. M. C. A. huts. One of our Lend a Hand clubs was busy making Comfort Packets.

Two Entertainments for sailors from the Battleship Georgia and the Station at the Commonwealth Pier were successfully given, one in June with twenty-five guests,

and one in July with twenty. The programme began with a supper, served by our ladies, the tables set in the form of an anchor and decorated with flowers. Then followed two or three brief after-supper speeches, songs, including "America," an athletic exhibition, and dancing in the gymnasium upstairs. The men from the Georgia were in charge of their chaplain, who said that this was the first time in eighteen months, that the ship had received such an invitation. The men from the Pier were in charge of a Y. M. C. A. leader, who also expressed for himself and the men deep appreciation of such hospitality. Each entertainment cost about twenty dollars. We hope to do more if the money can be obtained.

4. **Social Service.** Apart from our usual work, the church has come into pleasant and helpful touch with other social groups. On January 1 the Women's Baptist Social Union used our Sunday School and parlors for a banquet, with 275 guests. On January 17 the Social Service Department of the A. U. A. held a Conference here, at which Dr. Walter B. Cannon and Rev. Samuel M. Crothers, were the speakers.

On April 18, the Unitarian Sunday School Teachers' Union held its meeting in our church.

On March 20, a lecture upon Rio de Janeiro was given under the auspices of the National Cheerful Letter Committee.

Throughout the season the Gymnasium has been used regularly by the West End House, the Swedish Posse Club, and a group of young men from St. Paul's Cathedral.

Several times a week a class of Italian men studying English has met here with Mr. Malgeri, and on several occasions the Italian Unitarian Society, of which Rev. Filoteo A. Tagliatela is the minister, has held social meetings in our vestry.

In March, the Emergency Peace Committee held a public meeting in the church, and during Anniversary Week we were in close touch and co-operation with our denominational interests and membership. The Meadville Alumni held their annual meeting in the Church, and also the Fellowship for Social Justice. Over 2,000 luncheons were served during the week by the Unitarian Hospitality Committee.

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All this means activity and helpfulness.

5. **Our Regular Work.** This has gone on from week to week as described in previous reports, under the following heads: Sunday Services and Sunday School; Church Suppers and Devotional Meetings; the Women's Alliance; the Winkley Guild; the Teachers' Meetings; the Lend a Hand clubs; the Temperance Union; the Gymnasium; the Saturday Classes; the Saturday Evenings for Boys; the Children's Hour; the Eliot Circle; the Charlotte Home (Vacation House); the Flower Mission; the Instructive District Nurses' Association; Summer Outings and Vacations; the Old Ladies' Party; Socials and Entertainments; the publication of "Our Work."

In conclusion let me use again the closing words of our Report for 1914-15: The chief satisfaction as well as the real beauty of a work such as we try to do is to be found in the multitude of small services rendered from day to day and in the influence of our church, through its paid and many volunteer workers, for good among the people it reaches far and near.

CHRISTOPHER R. ELIOT.

The North End Union

1916 - 1917.

20 Parmenter Street

Directors of The North End Union—

Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Chairman, Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Miss J. W. Frothingham, Miss Ida Mason, Miss Abby S. Perry, Mrs. George H. Root, Miss Mary P. Barnes, Rev. Edward A. Horton, Mr. Edwin D. Mead, Mr. Arthur W. Moors, Mr. Leonard Tufts, Mr. Samuel F. Hubbard.

Sub-Committee—

Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, Chairman, Mrs. George H. Root, Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell, Mr. Arthur W. Moors,

Children's House Committee—

Miss Ida Mason, Miss J. W. Frothingham, Miss Abby S. Perry, Mrs. George H. Root, Miss Ellen M. Tower, Miss Helen Sharp.

Samuel F. Hubbard, Superintendent.
Irving E. Stowe, Assistant Superintendent.

REPORT OF SAMUEL F. HUBBARD.

The North End Union was started January 1, 1892 since which time until October 1, 1917, when my resignation took effect I have served as its superintendent.

Mr. Charles F. Ernst, formerly of the South End House, has been engaged to be my successor and he is now in charge. Mr. Ernst has had eight years' experience in work with young people and he comes highly recommended. I feel sure he brings to the work of the North End Union an intelligence, zeal and earnestness of purpose that will make the Union a power for good in the North End.

Mr. Ernst comes at an opportune time. He opens the new building which was made possible by the generous contributions of many friends. Mr. Hopkins, of Kilham & Hopkins, the architects, has given much personal thought and study to make the building adequate to the needs, and he is to be congratulated upon the success achieved. There is not a square foot of waste space. It is all available.

The largest room which is to be known as the "Guild Room" has been beautifully furnished by Miss Guild in memory of her brother, Governor Curtis Guild Jr., with a piano, draperies, sidewall seats, with leather cushions, chairs, rugs, table and pictures, all in perfect harmony and blending of colors.

Another room, to be called the "John Ware Room" has been fitted up by friends in loving memory of Rev. John Ware, formerly minister of Arlington Street Church. The furnishings which have been selected with especial care as to design and appropriateness make this a most attractive room.

A third room which has been set apart for work with adult Italians has been fitted up by the Council of Unitarian Women.

The building is so planned that a fourth story can be added at any time. This opportunity I bequeath to my successor.

In making this my valedictory report it is not my purpose to be reminiscent nor to refer in any way to the work of the Union during the past twenty-five years. Whatever has been achieved, that may be thought worthy, is due to the earnest, intelligent cooperation of those who have been charged with the responsibility and prosecution of its work.

I desire, however, in this connection to express my earnest grateful thanks to the Fraternity which has so generously supported the work, and to the local Board of Directors, several of whom have served from the beginning, for their constant encouragement and helpful service, without which little could have been accomplished.

I would be lacking in due regard if I failed to express my appreciation of the faithful service of Mr. Olson, the janitor, who for twenty-three years has

given devoted attention to the care of the building.

I submit herewith reports from the heads of the several departments. In view of the fact that the new building has been more than a year under construction most of the work with boys had to be discontinued, but such of the boys' clubs as could be accommodated in the Children's House have been carried on by Mrs. Tebbutt in connection with her regular work for girls.

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street
REPORT OF MRS. GERTRUDE FOWKE TEBBUTT.

Mrs. Gertrude F. Tebbutt, Resident Head Worker Came Oct. 1, 1916
Miss Irene Tebbutt, Resident Secretary Came Oct. 1, 1916
Miss Dorothy Lawson, non-resident half-time worker
Came Oct. 15, 1916

The girls take a great deal of pleasure in evening clubs, and the one great necessity for them is good leadership. The opportunity to meet in a comfortably-lighted room with others of their own age and relative importance creates a great desire on the part of the girls for evening clubs. If I could get for them good leaders, almost anything could be done with them. Miss Julia Frothingham and Miss Abby Perry give to their groups such leadership. They have worked continuously for years and have drawn to them numbers of earnest young women to whom the club stands for mental opportunity. We had eight evening clubs with a membership of ninety-two girls.

The Dressmaking continued under the able superintendence of Mrs. Julia Lathrop. The classes were well attended and the girls made many garments for themselves and members of their families. There were seven classes in which one hundred and ten girls were enrolled. We had five classes in home-making, one class in knitting, one in housekeeping and large groups for story hour and games.

The membership in our Mothers' Club increased and the club became of so much importance that they elected officers. After the election one of our girls came to the house to ask, "Is it true my mother was elected

President of the Woman's Club?" She was both proud and pleased when told it was a fact.

A group of girls are working on a Russian play with Russian music and dances. In choosing one of the dances, a Krakoviak, one of the girls remarked, "That's what the man next door whistles all the time," while the father of another one, showed her the dance itself. I feel these small things develop the individual girl through a wider sympathy with others.

The weekly Open House or "At Home" for the girls is certainly a splendid feature of the work of the house. It is under self-government, with its own mayor and officers. Music, very amateur plays and readings were provided by the clubs in turn.

In May we held an exhibition of the girls' work in Dressmaking, Stenciling, Cooking, etc. The mothers and friends packed the House all afternoon and evening.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Finding a great desire on the part of the young people for piano lessons, I have developed considerably the amount of work done, and besides giving the opportunity to those who have a piano, I have had a group of nine girls who use the pianos in the House. They do all their practising here before or after school.

This plan, although an experiment, has proved satisfactory. Each girl in this group is allowed to take three lessons and if her interest and effort entitle her, she is continued, otherwise she is asked to withdraw and the next girl on the waiting list takes her place. The pupils pay for their lessons. Two pupils recitals were given which showed progress.

The Violin department, a new venture, with five pupils, also made a good showing for the winter work.

The Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. Thomas Gallozzi, has continued its work. The girls get a great deal from this club and the club in turn gives back to the house much pleasure and entertainment. They presented the Operetta "Florinda" in the Spring. Each of the eighteen girls made her own costume, dyeing and painting some of the materials used. They also made the wreaths and properties.

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There were six hundred enrolled in the Girls' Department alone. I wish to thank the volunteers who made this amount of work possible.

Dr. Irving E. Stowe resigned December 1, 1916, and his work was continued during the year by Mrs Gertrude F. Tebbutt.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

In making a report of the Boys' Department, I should like to say that I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and know the boys connected with the Union. During the construction of the North End Union building this winter I gave the boys the use of Children's House one evening a week. No afternoon work was attempted. The problem of accommodation was intense. Five groups met regularly, one I led myself and for the others I was very fortunate to have good leaders to whom I am most grateful. Two other groups met as often as I had time and space to offer them. During the winter I chaperoned for these young men five dances given in hired halls. Now, at the end of the season, I realize my effort has been to hold together, to bind in friendship to myself and the House, and to bridge the period of waiting for the new quarters. That one hundred boys stood by me proves my faith in them was justified.

THE COUNCIL.

The one great problem in so large an organization is to create and keep the personal touch between the boys and the House. To meet this need and also to create a loyal house spirit a council was formed from the Senior groups, consisting of the President and Treasurer of each club. The council, which soon included in its membership representatives from the girls clubs, met with me the first Sunday afternoon of each month. We discussed the wonderful opportunity the

new building would give us and the members pledged themselves to do their part. I feel sure the council will be a working unit which I can pass on to Mr. Ernst to help him create and maintain the future loyalty.

SUMMER WORK.

When I began my work in October, 1916, one of the first questions the girls asked me was, "Will there be a Camp this summer?" As the summer approached and I felt sure that the effort that was being put into our new building would leave us no chance for a Camp, I realized how disappointed they would all be. They were disappointed, but I think they all understood and we set about planning many others together. Two weeks in July I spent with eight of the older girls at Holiday House, Shirley. The girls paid most of the cost of their board. They had a most enjoyable vacation. We spent the days in walking, swimming, dancing and reading, sometimes walking six miles in the morning to buy postcards, etc., and three miles again in the afternoon to take a swim. This chance to know the girls intimately will be very valuable during the winter and gives us a real topic of conversation and pleasant memories in common.

In arranging the picnics, the younger children, as far as possible, went in family groups, the mothers sharing with the children the pleasure of the country, bringing a hearty family lunch and sometimes joining in the games. I spent all the Sunday afternoons during the summer walking with the older girls in the country. These girls were working during the week and were eager to get away from the city their one free day. The favourite trip was to have lunch at Waverley Oaks, near the pond, and then walk on to Miss Warren's at Waltham to see the maze and garden. When Miss Warren invited us into her house, one of the girls said, "I have never been in an American lady's house before." They enjoyed it all and found the maze particularly fascinating and would try it over and over again.

There were twenty-two outings, the groups varying in size from eight, going swimming at City Point Baths, to eighty-eight, taken to Norumbega. Eleven of our girls

were included in the "Country Week" vacations. In all five hundred and eleven children and mothers participated.

I took my vacation in June so that I might be at the Settlement during the summer and in spite of the hot weather, it was a very helpful one to me. I was able to visit and know many of the mothers, some of them helped me with the picnics and took quite a lot of the responsibility of the larger outings.

When summer comes again and we long to give our friends something of the joy of the country, the sky and trees and open spaces, we shall try again for our camp. We made a small amount of money cover our summer work this year, in the hope that another year some opportunity to take our young people from the city will be provided.

RED CROSS.

During August seventy girls sewed and knitted for the Red Cross and two parties were given to pay for membership in the Red Cross for the Children's House Council.

FLOWER MISSION.

With the help of Mrs. Freeland and Miss Coburn over 1,800 bunches of flowers were distributed to the homes of our sick neighbours and house members. The distributors were club girls who volunteered their services and came faithfully. The flowers were much appreciated and the house was besieged on flower days for an extra bunch. A sprig that can be made to take root and grow is a treasure sometimes found in the basket. I know the time it takes to gather the flowers and effort necessary to send them in, but I am sure if the givers could see the joy and interest they create they would be repaid.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Other activities are Baby Hygiene Association Clinic Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Circulating

Library devoted to the needs of the younger children who do not make use of the Public Library, Saturday morning Sewing School with ten teachers, and Stamp Saving with two hundred depositors.

REPORT OF FRANCIS P. MALGERI.

Frankly, we did not expect to be able of accomplishing so much as we did, during the last year. Lack of proper quarters, with the consequent necessity of scattering our places of activity, and the peculiar events of the present time, hindered very much the effectiveness of any work like ours.

Notwithstanding, we could, however, accomplish all which was possible with the circumstances.

From a summary report, submitted to my Council, it may be seen that we had, during the year, 331 classes, with a total attendance of 1348; social and mothers' meetings 54, with attendance of 245 mothers, while the attendance of the meetings not registered; friendly calls, made and received, 457; 77 cases of assistance at the hospitals; 214 cases of direction and assistance and 49 cases of relief and charitable assistance. I want to emphasize here that of those 49 cases, very few were of material relief given by us, while, in the absolute majority of them, we only acted as medium between people and various philanthropic associations. The number should be considered absolutely negligible to mention, if we consider the large Italian population we have. Italians always shrink of applying for charity, until they are entirely pressed by circumstances which they may not overcome in any other way. This is a well deserved credit to our fellow citizens of Italian blood.

And here I could finish at once, should I not think worth while to add a little on our future hopes, rather than presenting merely, things which are already passed.

The terrible conflagration in which the whole world is involved brought incommensurable miseries, and sorrows, and disasters, but, even among so many evils,

there was, however, something good. America's entrance in the affray gave a higher, and more definite standing to the aims of the conflict. It was also a moral benefit for America, because it acted as a testing stone of the alien population of our beloved country. I do not need to repeat here how Italians demonstrated their unflinching loyalty to their new country; there was not, yet, one case of disloyalty among Italians.

All those things brought up a better, and a more sympathetic understanding between Americans and Italians. The latter began to like, and to love better this adopted country, and the former received a stronger impulse of brotherly love for their fellow citizens of Italian race. No time, in my opinion, is more favourable for a great work of real assimilation. We hope, and we shall try to get advantage of the splendid and so promising opportunity. We shall endeavor to present to Italians, America how it really is, with all its lofty ideals, soliciting them to enter definitely, in our big family, as citizens. In doing so, it will be our special care to give to them a true, and a higher idea of American citizenship. We shall try to attract our Italians into the American ways of living, and thinking, more especially in regard to safeguarding of bodily health. We shall try to develop better, among them, the spirit of sociability, among themselves, and with Americans.

Will we succeed in our efforts? It depends, chiefly, from the moral, financial support and personal service which our friends and supporters will tender to us.

Channing Church

East Cottage Street and Dorchester Ave., Dorchester.

The annual meeting of Channing Church, held at the close of its seventeenth year, gave the new minister a chance to say: I have been your minister for only four months—one-third of a year—yet, if the time is short in quantity, it is long in quality, in richness of life, in the opportunity of becoming acquainted, and in doing things in the Channing spirit, in the spirit which spells out friendship, good-will, and faith in the accomplishments of the present, and in the larger triumphs which, we trust, await us! We have had, in large measure, the spirit of co-operation; we have been planning and working together.

As to Church attendance, these figures are interesting, though not unusual: 156 were present at the Candle Service, 208 at the Service of Installation, 111 attended the Everybody at Church Service, and there were 288 in attendance at the Easter Services. Channing Church has always done well on special occasions, and when a minister has been settled long enough to have parish matters well in hand, these figures have frequently been surpassed. I am told, however, that the average Sunday morning attendance was never larger, perhaps never quite so large as it is today. Since the formation of the Go-to-Church Band, the average attendance has been 95.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Henry Stern; Secretary, Miss Anna Wagner; Financial Secretary, Bertram F. Whitley; Treasurer, Miss E. S. Chadbourne; Representatives on The Parish Committee are: Mrs. C. C. Snow, from the Alliance; Mr. Wm. Whitley, from the Men's Club; Mr. Carl Gore, from the Guild; Mr. Joseph Hanks, from The Parish at large.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF UNITARIAN CHURCHES.

Balance on hand May 1, 1916.....	\$138.89
Total receipts during the year.....	762.18
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1916-1917 working fund	\$901.07
Total expenditures	891.24
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Balance April 30, 1917.....	\$9.83

Ten people joined the Church and six children were baptized on the second Sunday in June. Special devotional services were held on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. The Minister has exchanged with the following preachers: Rev. Alfred Manchester, Rev. C. C. Earle, Rev. Adolph Rossbach, Rev. William L. Walsh, Rev. W. L. Nichols and Rev. Otto Lyding.

I have officiated at three weddings, and at six funerals. I have also spoken on several occasions to the teachers of the Sunday School, and to the larger organizations of the Parish. I have preached once at the Burnap Home for Aged Women, twice at Christ Church, and once at the Bulfinch Place Church, visited several hospitals, and made a goodly number of parish calls. So much concerning the Church and Minister in their closer relationships.

Let me speak, now, of our interest in National affairs: The Flag Raising outside the Church on Easter noon, a Patriotic Service later in the season when the minister preached a sermon on "True Patriotism," and when young men who had enlisted in the Army and Navy, together with members of the Grand Army and kindred organizations, the Boy Scouts, and Choir Girls in Minute Girls' costume, all had a part; these meetings furnish the best possible testimony as to the attitude of Channing Church in war time.

The Red Cross Work of our women, and plans for holding social gatherings for the men of the Navy, close at hand, are further indications of our patriotic zeal.

Did time and space permit, it might be worth while to dwell upon the successful features of the Harvest and German Suppers, the Christmas Sale, the Sunday School

Picnic, with its record-breaking attendance, and other special gatherings.

Perhaps it is sufficient to say that the Woman's Alliance, with a paid membership of nearly 40; the Men's Club, the Channing Guild, the Sturtevant Circle, the Boy Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, and the Sunday School, with its Parent Teachers' Meetings, have all done their share, thanks to their officers, and to the rank and file of their membership. They have assisted the Minister, and his wife, in converting their home into a social center resembling the old-fashioned parsonage.

We express our gratitude to the Fraternity for its material aid which will help to keep us warm and comfortable during the coming winter, and to its members and friends who are always ready to share with us their spiritual blessings.

We are indebted, also, to the following outside speakers and workers, who have assisted in the social, dramatic, musical, literary, or religious work of our societies: Mrs. E. B. Blanchard, Miss Mary Lawrance, Mrs. Christopher R. Eliot, Mrs. Allen, Parish Assistant at Christ Church, Rev. F. A. Powell, Rev. P. H. Drake, Rev. E. S. Forbes, Rev. C. C. Earle, Rev. Maxwell Savage, Rev. J. A. Fairley, Mr. F. O. Bartlett and the Herford Club.

Submitted respectfully,

SAMUEL C. BEANE.

Parker Memorial

Joint Committee Appointed by the Fraternity and Hale House
Earnest C. Amy, Secretary (ex officio)

Local Staff

Ernest C. Amy, Superintendent
Mrs. Marian D. Emerson, Director of Classes and Social Worker
Miss Mary Hargedon, Office Secretary
Stephen E. Wright, Director of Boys' Work.
Morris Goldberg, Assistant to Mr. Wright and Boy Scout Master
Carl J. Decker, Janitor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The activities at Parker Memorial were continued through the past year much the same as the previous year, with the exception that changes in directorship in both departments meant a certain amount of loss of forward movement temporarily during the period of adjustment.

The paid classes suffered somewhat by the departure of Miss M. Lenore Flint the first of December, after four months service; by the emergency incumbency of Miss Frances Sawyer through that month; and by the change in early January which inducted Miss Marian Dudley Richards into the position of director of classes and social worker among the women and children of the neighborhood. Miss Richards was married in April to Mr. B. Homer Emerson, leader of one of the boys' clubs, but continued her work without a break. Registrations in the paid classes totalled 340, as follows: Dancing, 90; Dress-making, 83; Millinery, 76; Piano, 59; Cooking, 32. The dancing class had many transients who came with members, the average attendance being about eighteen. The cooking class was suspended entirely through the winter term because it did not meet expenses on the basis of the management supplying the materials. In the third term the experiment was tried of requiring the class members to divide the cost of materials between them, and one class of seven members was maintained through the spring as against three classes per week in former years.

An exhibition was held early in May of the work of the paid millinery and dressmaking classes and the chil-

dren's free handicraft classes. The latter were a new departure, held Saturday mornings, and consisted of drawing, clay modelling, raffia weaving and the making of bags and cloth dolls. The industrial exhibit was in the lower hall. In the upper hall, in the afternoon, a demonstration was given of the dancing which the Tuesday afternoon free class of neighborhood girls had been having through the year. To this program was added two folk dance numbers by children from the new Friday afternoon girls' gymnasium class and piano solos by several of the young music pupils. In the evening a concert was given in the upper hall by the Herford Club of Arlington Street Church, which generously favors us each year with its services. Several of the adult piano pupils played and dancing followed. A large number of the neighborhood people turned out, both afternoon and evening, and seemed loath to go.

While no systematic survey of the entire neighborhood was possible for lack of time, the new social worker made numerous calls and ascertained many facts about conditions in the district in preparation for another year's work, besides rendering friendly service in a number of cases among adults who came to the office for advice or assistance. The directors of both departments attended the conferences of the Associated Charities, District 11, assisting the secretary in various ways, Mr. Wright of the boys' department being particularly active, as was he also in the Boston Social Union of Settlements and on the district committee of the Public Safety Committee.

The boys' work of Hale House was housed more largely than ever before in the Parker Memorial building, as well as a girls' gymnasium class, a dancing class run for a group of boys, to which girls were invited, and many Hale House parties and exhibitions requiring hall space. The old low-ceiled gymnasium in the basement having been outgrown, a movement was started, with the permission of the Joint Committee, to equip the lower hall for a gymnasium and cut the old basement room up into three large club rooms. The boys, under Mr. Wright's leadership, raised the money for apparatus. The necessary architectural work was begun early in the summer when the social activities were transferred to the

Hale House Camps in New Hampshire. The boys' department handled boys to the number of 300, from both the Hale House District and the Parker Memorial District as outlined by the Boston Social Union. The department in charge of the girls' worker, which handled the boys in the clay modelling and drawing classes, registered 115 children from 90 families, 85 of whom were still coming at the end of the season.

The rental of the halls contributes largely to the home income of Parker Memorial. Dances were conducted throughout the winter by one club of young people or another from outside on Friday evenings, besides many on other week-nights. The investigation of the standing of these clubs beforehand and the supervision of their dances by members of the staff, constituted a good share of the year's contribution of Parker Memorial to society. Various objectionable features were struggled with and many of them suppressed before the close of the season so that the Parker workers felt they had accomplished quite a little when young women frequently remarked that the Parker Hall was the best run one in the city, and that they would rather attend a dance there than anywhere else.

In addition to the dances, the hall was either rented or loaned for the cost of lights and janitor service to a number of organizations. The Lend-a-Hand Dramatic Club and Barnard Memorial used it for rehearsals, and South End House gave a social evening to its people with an Irish play and dancing. One secret order of men and two organizations of women met in the building regularly. The Boston Social Union held one meeting with a luncheon, and the Free Religious Association of America had its annual banquet in the large hall Friday of Anniversary Week.

The building was open every day of the week from nine in the morning until nine or later at night, except between six and seven p. m. Something was going on almost every minute. Idleness is unknown at Parker Memorial.

After the classes were over in May the Flower Mission began, on Tuesdays, its usual work, which kept up all summer under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Nowell.

ERNEST C. AMY, Superintendent.

Benevolent Fraternity Fruit and Flower Mission

The work opened in June this year and closed October 1st. The season has been a hard one with the cold spring and early fall, but friends have stood by nobly and it has been a surprise and delight to us to receive the well filled baskets under such conditions.

Your chairman considers herself very fortunate in these days of many demands of dramatic nature to have kept the interest and co-operation of her helpers of last year, and to have added some equally efficient new members to the committee. Our gratitude is due Miss Min-dora Kennedy who completed her thirty-fifth year of volunteer service, attending twice a week all summer.

A great loss was sustained in the sudden death of Mrs. M. B. Brown for many years assistant to the various Chairmen. Her wise advice and wide knowledge of social conditions were always an invaluable help to those in charge and her personality endeared her to all her fellow workers.

Opportunities for usefulness increase each year, but it was natural that the needs should be greater this summer, and in some ways differed from the past. Several men in our families "enlisted" and the prevailing war touch was given our work in fitting them out, and in many other ways the Flower Mission is getting to be what a friend called it lately, a "Clearing House through which those who have, may give of their surplus to those who have not."

Over twenty settlements-play grounds and received baskets each week for neighborhood distribution, and every Friday over fifty bunches of flowers were taken to the "Home for Aged Colored Women" and the same to the "Lying In Hospital" the visitors making a friendly call in each room.

The Committee feels that our regular families of whom we have over one hundred, are so dependant on our

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friendly visits, that we have decided to continue the work as much as possible during the winter.

Last fall it was hoped to use "Barnard Memorial" as winter Headquarters, but the plan was given up. This Winter your Chairman will most gladly receive at her own home, 10 Beal Street, Brookline, articles of all kinds and will see they are carefully given out, as there will be much need.

Thanksgiving last year was a great success, a most generous response coming to our special appeal, and over seventy families were made happy with baskets of goodies. This winter the distribution will be from Parker Memorial on Tuesday, November 27th.

Reports have been made each week to Mr. Fowler, who has thus kept closely in touch with our work.

A special effort was made to interest our Alliances, and letters were sent to many near by Branches, the result showed need of "publicity" for many did not seem to know of this branch of the general work.

The following sent contributions:

Arlington, East Boston, Chestnut Hill, Roxbury, Somerville, South Boston, First Church, Boston, Second Church Boston, Milton, Newton Centre, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale.

Flowers, Fruit, etc, came from these Clubs, Alliances and "Groups" and Individuals. Abington Kings Daughters. Arlington Alliance.

Individuals in Brookline, Beverly Farms, North Beverly, West Manchester, Milton, Milton Hill, East Milton, Medford, Newton Centre, Falmouth, Weston, Dorchester, Wayland,

Neighborhood Baskets from Medford, Northboro, Wayland, Walpole, Cohasset, Waltham, Newtonville Women's Guild, Alturian Club Shirley, Weston Alliance, Camp Fire Girls Stoneham, Sunday School Concord Junction, Miss Annie Richards continued her most generous gifts twice a week, of eggs, sugar, lemons, oranges, and fruits of all kinds without which the baskets would lack much of their value. Clothing for some special cases were received from Magnolia and Brookline.

Laura Hallett Nowell,

Chairman

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of the

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REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK

The work of the Benevolent Fraternity has been rather seriously hampered during the past year by the lack of volunteer help, such as was formerly enlisted. War work, of course, has held a first claim upon everybody's time and strength. The prevailing epidemic also much delayed and interfered with the starting of our activities at the beginning of this present season. However, things are going wonderfully well, notwithstanding these handicaps and interruptions. A brief summary of this work in the various branches is here attempted.

BULFINCH PLACE.

At Bulfinch Place the busy round of activities goes on without abatement, and a considerable amount of war-work has been added. Miss Jones and Miss Stokes, who have served for more than twenty years as assistants to Mr. Elliot, are invaluable helpers. The Sunday School reports a membership of 150. The Elliot Circle has a membership of 175, something like half of which is in addition to that of the church and Sunday School. Beside these, there are the Women's Alliance, the Winkley Guild, the Teachers Meetings, the Lend a Hand Clubs, the Temperance Union, the Gymnasium, the Saturday Evenings for Boys, the Children's Hour, the Flower Mission, the Charlotte Home (Vacation House), Summer Outings, Socials and Entertainments, the Instructive District Nursing Headquarters, and the publication of "Our Work." This, with a vast deal of visiting, provides plenty of occupation. During Anniversary Week the building is Headquarters for the Hospitality Committee, and a great many lunches are served each day. Several outside organizations make use of the Gymnasium, and there are various festivals, largely attended, which greatly extend the scope of the social work.

THE NORTH END UNION.

The work of the North End Union was almost entirely stopped by the fire which destroyed the building. During the work of rebuilding, however, some fragment of it was always continued. The new building is now complete and almost entirely paid for. In June last Miss Mattie Louise Foster, the Head Settlement Worker of Memorial Institute, Toronto, was engaged as Superintendent of the North End Union, and she began her work there in September. For a time nothing was possible save to aid in the suppression of the epidemic and to care for its victims. Now the regular work of the Union is beginning to take shape again, and looks exceedingly hopeful. About December 1st, there was reported a weekly schedule of 47 meetings of clubs and classes, with a weekly attendance of 435. Also there was a roll of 44 volunteer helpers to assist in carrying on this work. Drama and Music are coming to play a very considerable part. The work is almost altogether among Jews and Italians. Mr. Gallozzi and Mr. Martino are making choral music a strong interest. "Cavallera Rusticana" and "Carmen" have both been given to public audiences with very marked success. Mr. Malgeri has laid a splendid foundation for a greater Americanization program by his years of thorough, sane and sympathetic case-work, and the Committee designs to push this work with all the resources at its command. There should be a Sitting and Reading Room for men of the vicinity, for with the closing of the saloons next July such a gathering place will be in great demand. Altogether, the Committee is full of enthusiastic expectation of the development of the work under Miss Foster's care.

**First Parish and First Church,
Cambridge**

Miss Caroline H. Saunders, 1627 Mass.
Ave., Cambridge.
John H. Runkle, Trapelo Rd., Waltham.
Hollis R. Bailey, 19 Congress St. Boston

Winchester Unitarian Society

Mrs. Joel H. Metcalf, 16 Lawson Rd.,
Winchester.
Miss A. Natalie Jewett, 16 Calumet Rd.,
Winchester.
Mrs. H. L. Larrabee, 16 Hancock St.,
Winchester.

First Parish in Brookline

Rev. Abbot Peterson, 363 Walnut St.,
Brookline.
Miss Lucy Lowell, The Ludlow, St.
James Ave., Boston.
*William P. Fowler, 1 Plymouth St.,
Boston.
William T. Reid, Jr., Hawthorn Road,
Brookline.

*Deceased.

First Congregational Church, Arlington
Rev. Frederic Gill, 15 Devereaux St.,
Arlington.
Benjamin A. Norton, 51 Academy St.,
Arlington.
Mrs. Benjamin A. Norton, 51 Academy
St., Arlington.

East Boston Unitarian Society

Rev. Adolph Roszbach, 72 Trenton St.,
East Boston.
Arnold B. Crosby, 151 Brooks St., East
Boston.
Arthur W. Hill, 37 Falcon St., East
Boston.

First Church, Roxbury

Rev. Miles Hanson, 24 Kenilworth St.,
Roxbury.
Alfred Bunker, 29 Juniper St., Roxbury.
Frank W. Mendum, 22 Woodville St.,
Roxbury.

MEMBERSHIP.

The corporation shall consist of such persons as shall, from time to time, be chosen members thereof by the societies associated for its support.

Any society associated for the support of this corporation and contributing at least ten dollars thereto in any fiscal year shall be entitled to choose for the succeeding year three members. For any sum of one hundred dollars or more and less than five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose one additional membership for the succeeding year and for each sum of five hundred dollars contributed by any such society in any fiscal year, it shall be entitled to choose an additional member for the succeeding year.

The annual meeting is held on the second Wednesday in May. Stated meetings are also held in the second week of November, January and March in each year.

Special meetings may be called by vote of the board of directors or by order of the president or vice-president or upon written request to the secretary of a majority of the directors or ten members of the corporation.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the Benevolent Fraternity of
Unitarian Churches, in the City of Boston, a Corporation es-
tablished by law in the State of Massachusetts, the sum of
..... dollars.

This is the simple form for making a legacy for the
furtherance of our work.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS—1918-1919

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COURTENAY GUILD

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Died July 3, 1918.

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Elected July 15, 1918.

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MISS EDITH L. JONES

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} Assistants.

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NORTH END UNION

20 Parmenter Street, Boston

Children's House, 32 Parmenter Street

Directors—Mrs. George H. Root, Chairman, Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, Miss Julia W. Frothingham, Miss Abby S. Perry, Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, Mrs. Frederick T. Lord, Arthur W. Moors, Samuel F. Hubbard, Miss Ida Mason, Miss Mary P. Barnes, Miss Alice P. Tapley, Miss Ellen M. Tower, Miss Helen Sharp, Rev. Edward Cummings, Edwin D. Mead.

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East Cottage Street, Dorchester

REV. SAMUEL C. BEANE, Minister

Sub-Committee—N. Winthrop Robinson, Chairman, Mrs. Wilfred A. French and Marshall B. Fanning.

LIST OF DELEGATES

OF THE BENEVOLENT FRATERNITY OF UNITARIAN CHURCHES
1917-1918.

Arlington Street Church

Rev. Paul R. Frothingham, 294 Beacon St.
Courtenay Guild, 26 Mt. Vernon St.
Alexander S. Porter, Jr., 40 Central St.
Miss Sarah E. Gardner, 79 Chandler St.
Mrs. W. Scott Fitz, 75 Beacon St.
Charles H. Traiser, 530 Beacon St.

King's Chapel

Rev. Howard N. Brown, 297 Beacon St.
Francis L. Coolidge, 296 Marlborough St.
Rev. Sydney B. Snow, 103 Pinckney St.
Gorham Brooks, 94 Beacon St.
Francis J. Moors, 166 Bay State Road.

South Congregational Church

Rev. Edward Cummings, 104 Irving St., Cambridge.
*Wm. P. Fowler, 18 Tremont St., Room 908.
Mrs. Myles Standish, 256 Newbury St.
James Gordon, 51 Brattle St., Cambridge.

First Church, Boston

Rev. Charles E. Park, 347 Marlborough St.
Arthur W. Moors, 111 Devonshire St.
Mrs. Frederick T. Lord, 305 Beacon St.
Miss Alice P. Tapley, 8 Gloucester St.
Marshall B. Fanning, 1077 Boylston St.

Second Church, Boston

Mrs. Alexander Martin, 870 Beacon St.
J. Allen Crosby, 70 Boylston St., Jamaica Plain.
J. Russell Abbott, Quint Ave., Allston.

First Parish, Dorchester

Rev. Harry Foster Burns, 29 High St., Dorchester.
N. Winthrop Robinson, 242 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester.
George B. Fox, 6 DeWolf St., Dorchester.

*Deceased.

Church of the Disciples

Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 159 Longwood Ave., Brookline.
Miss Annie A. Noyes, 98 Pinckney St.
Miss Anna M. Soule, 216 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury.

Hawes Unitarian Church, South Boston

Rev. James Huxtable, 568 East Fifth St., South Boston.
Barnard Capen, 534 Fourth St., South Boston.
Theodore L. Kelley, Jr., 513 Broadway, South Boston.

All Soul's Church, Roxbury

Wilfred A. French, 49 Alton Place, Brookline.
Mrs. Wilfred A. French, 49 Alton Place, Brookline.

First Parish, West Roxbury

Rev. Harold G. Arnold, 54 Kenneth St., West Roxbury.
Lyndon B. Tewksbury, 281 Park St., West Roxbury.
Curtis Clapp, Jr., 24 Park St., West Roxbury.

First Congregational Society, Jamaica Plain

Rev. James A. Fairley, 22 Orchard St., Jamaica Plain.
Thomas G. Rees, 51 Orchard St., Jamaica Plain.
Mrs. Annie T. Monteith, 29 Lakeville Place, Jamaica Plain.

Social Service Council of Unitarian Women

Mrs. Arthur G. Robbins, 42 Oak St., Belmont.
Mrs. George H. Root, 39 Lloyd St., Winchester.
Mrs. Walter D. Loring, 40 Kenwood St., Dorchester.

THE PARKER MEMORIAL.

When the Parker Memorial Building was taken by the Franklin Union for housing the soldiers sent to the Union for special class-work, the Committee leased a house opposite, numbered 54 Berkley St. The class-work was carried over to that house without the loss of a single session. During the Summer a considerable amount of neighborhood work was successfully inaugurated and carried on. A small playground was open daily with an average attendance of about 25 children. Industrial classes for children in sewing, cooking, knitting and drawing, were well attended. Once a week excursions to the beach or the country were made, each child paying his own fare; and the Flower Mission was conducted without interruption. The usual classes and the work for children have opened well this Autumn; and in some ways this work seems to go better than in the bigger building. Probably the separation from Hale House brought about by the requisition of our building for war-work will be permanent. The return and refitting of the building in the near future, and the question how best to administer it in the future, make a problem of considerable size, with reference to which the committee is not now ready to submit any report.

CHANNING CHURCH.

Channing Church has had a year of unusual prosperity, and there is nothing but good to report of its influence and activity. Its Minister and Vested Girl's Choir have frequently held service at Commonwealth Pier. Mr. Beane has spent two days each week at the Navy Yard, the Pier, and the Forts about the Harbor. Altogether the Church has made a proud record of religious and patriotic service.

THE ITALIAN CHURCH.

This new undertaking makes slow but substantial headway. The church has passed its first anniversary with some small gain of adherents. It holds an evening service in King's Chapel, and a Wednesday Evening meeting in Bulfinch Place Church. Such a work, having many difficulties and hard prejudices to face, must needs be of slow growth; but Mr. Tagliabata is full of courage and hope, and there is good reason to think that with such support as we are giving him he can ultimately succeed.

In Memoriam

WILLIAM PLUMMER FOWLER

In the death of William Plummer Fowler the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches has met with an irreparable loss.

As a wise counsellor, a faithful and efficient steward of its funds and as a constructor and preserver of its buildings, he rendered services of an inestimable value.

A man of irreproachable character just and honorable in all his acts.

We mourn his loss. We revere his memory.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

WILLIAM P. FOWLER

Income and Expenditures of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches
for the Year Ending May 1st, 1918.

INCOME

Brought forward	\$4,440.92
Rents	\$1,855.00
Income from investments	15,192.20
Contributions from friends	25.00
Contributions from churches and organizations	4,884.03
Contribution from Bulfinch Place Church	300.00
Contribution from American Unitarian Association	200.00
	\$22,456.33

EXPENDITURES

Parker Memorial	
Expenses	\$5,000.59
City of Boston, 1917 taxes	332.76
	\$5,333.35
Rents received	1,255.00
Net expense	\$4,078.35
North End Union.	
Expenses	\$7,000.00
Rents received	600.00
Net expense	\$6,400.00
Italian Work at North End Union.	
Expenses account of salary of agent	1,200.00
Channing Church.	
Expenses	2,000.00
Bulfinch Place Church.	
Expenses	\$6,000.00
Home contribution	300.00
Net expense	5,700.00
First Italian Unitarian Church.	
Expenses	1,000.00
Committee on New Americans, Syrian Work.	
Expenses	\$375.00
Contribution from American Unitarian Asso.	200.00
Net expense	\$175.00
Administrative expenses	792.82
Examination of treasurer's books	25.00
Insurance	1,239.42
Care and repair of buildings	1,017.58
Printing annual report	125.00

\$26,108.17

Expenditures	\$26,108.17
Receipts	22,456.33
Deficit	\$3,651.84

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Arlington Street Church	\$1,405.92
King's Chapel	1,213.00
First Church in Boston	575.00
First Parish, Brookline	522.00
South Congregational Church	500.00
Second Church in Boston	225.00

Carried forward **\$4,440.92**

First Congregational Society, Jamaica Plain	90.00
First Parish, Dorchester	50.00
First Church in Roxbury	50.00
First Congregational Parish, Arlington	38.87
All Souls Unitarian Church, Roxbury	35.00
Church of the Disciples	33.94
Hawes Unitarian Congregational Church	28.48
First Parish and First Church in Cambridge	25.00
Winchester Unitarian Society	25.00
Church of Our Father, East Boston	25.00
First Parish, West Roxbury	21.82
Church of the Unity, Neponset	10.00
Social Service Council Unitarian Women	10.00
	\$4,884.03

Friend

J. Randolph Coolidge	\$25.00
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Fruit and Flower Mission.

Unexpended balance from last year	5.25
Contributions through year	397.00

Expenses	\$402.35
	\$55.00

Surplus **\$47.35**

Sunday School Canvas.

Salary of Ethel V. Lillibridge	\$25.00
Contributions from King's Chapel	35.00

North End Union Rebuilding Account.

Bal. on hand May 1st, 1917	\$3,498.75
Gifts from friends and interest on deposits May 1, 1917 to May 1, 1918	11,027.95
Borrowed of Merchants National Bank	13,000.00
	\$27,526.73

Expended during the year **\$17,459.31**

Paid Merchants National Bank acct. loan	10,000.00
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\$27,459.31

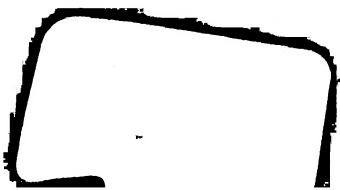
Cash in bank **\$67.42**

North End Union Furniture Fund

Balance on hand May 1st, 1917	\$920.03
Expended to May 1st, 1918	257.34

Balance on hand **\$662.68**

A bequest of \$1,000 under will of Isabella P. Curtis was received to be used for the poor, and has been turned over to the Poor's Purse of the Benevolent Fraternity of Unitarian Churches to be known as the Isabella P. Curtis Fund.



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